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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
MONROE DIVISION
X
THE STATE OF MISSOURI, et al., :
Plaintiffs, :
V. : Case No. 3:22-cv-01213-TAD-KDM
JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., et al., :
Defendants. :
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Bethesda, Maryland
Wednesday, November 23, 2022
Videotaped Deposition of DR. ANTHONY FAUCI, a
Defendant herein, called for examination by counsel
for Plaintiffs in the above-entitled matter, pursuant
to notice, the witness being duly sworn by Stephanie
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the
3	record. Today is November 23rd, 2022, and the time
4	on the video screen is 8:08 a.m. Eastern Standard
5	Time. This is the video recorded deposition
6	of Dr. Anthony Fauci taken in the matter of the State
7	of Missouri, et al, v. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., et al,
8	Case Number 3:22-CV-01213.
9	This is pending before the United States
10	District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
11	Monroe Division. This deposition is being conducted
12	at the NIAID at 31 Center Drive in Bethesda,
13	Maryland. The reporter today is Stephanie Barnes,
14	and my name is Daniel Holmstock. I am the legal
15	videographer.
16	Counsel, would you please introduce
17	yourselves and state whom you represent.
18	MR. SAUER: John Sauer of the Missouri
19	Attorney General's Office on behalf of all the
20	plaintiffs.
21	MR. KIRSCHNER: Adam Kirschner from the
22	U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of all the
23	defendants.
24	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the court reporter
25	please administer the oath.

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1	Whereupon,

- 2 DR. ANTHONY FAUCI,
- 3 was called as a witness by counsel for Plaintiffs,
- 4 and having been duly sworn by the Notary Public, was
- 5 examined and testified as follows:
- EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS 6
- 7 BY MR. SAUER:

- 0. Good morning. Can you please state your
- 9 name for the record?
- 10 Α. My name is Anthony S. Fauci.
- 11 Q. And, Dr. Fauci, what's your current
- 12 position?
- I'm the director of the National Institute 13 Α.
- 14 of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National
- 15 Institutes of Health and the Chief Medical Advisor to
- 16 President Biden.
- 17 When did you become the Chief Medical Q.
- 18 Advisor to the President?
- 19 Very shortly after his inauguration. Α.
- 20 asked me to be the advisor between the election and
- 2.1 the inauguration, and I officially became his advisor
- 22 following his inauguration.
- 23 Q. And then how long have you been the
- 24 director of NIAID, if I can call it that?
- 25 Α. I've been the director of NIAID for 38

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1	years a couple of weeks ago.
2	Q. Congratulations.
3	Have you ever given a deposition before?
4	A. I have.
5	Q. How many times?
6	A. Once.
7	Q. How long ago was that?
8	A. You know, I don't know exactly the time,
9	but it was probably anywhere between 15 and 20-plus
10	years ago.
11	Q. Can I go over some ground rules with you?
12	A. Sure.
13	Q. First of all, when I ask a question, can
14	you and I be careful not to interrupt each other when
15	we're talking for the clarity of the record?
16	A. Certainly.
17	Q. And if I ask a question, if you don't
18	understand the question, could you ask me to clarify
19	to make sure you're answering the question that I'm
20	asking as opposed to some other question you think I
21	might be asking? Can you do that today?
22	A. Certainly.
23	Q. Can you give verbal answers, like you're
24	doing now, instead of merely nodding or saying
25	"uh-huh," "huh-uh," can you say "yes" or "no" as the

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1	questions go forward?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And maybe both of us can make an effort to
4	speak slowly. You're probably going to be better at
5	that than I will, but to make an effort to speak
6	slowly so that everything's getting transcribed.
7	Is that okay?
8	A. I will certainly do that.
9	Q. I'd like to start off by handing you a
10	document that I've asked the court reporter to mark
11	as Exhibit 1, and I just want to take can you take
12	a glance at this and see if you recognize it?
13	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 1 was marked for
14	identification.)
15	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, this is a
16	standing objection for all of the documents you show.
17	I would ask that you preference your questions, to
18	the extent Dr. Fauci recognizes it, outside of the
19	capacity of preparation for the deposition, otherwise
20	I would object on work product grounds, but if you're
21	asking if you recognize a document outside of
22	anything that was shown in the context of deposition
23	preparation, I will not prevent him from answering.
24	MR. SAUER: You raise a good point.
25	BY MR. SAUER:

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- 1 Q. Dr. Fauci, did you review any documents in
- 2 preparation for your deposition today?
- 3 A. We did a couple of documents -- a few
- 4 documents, yeah.
- 5 Q. What documents were those?
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: I object on work product
- 7 grounds, and I instruct the witness not to answer.
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. Can you look at the document in front of
- 10 you, Exhibit 1?
- 11 A. Yeah. So let me take a -- be careful I
- 12 read it, recognize it.
- Q. Well, let me ask you this: In 2011, did
- 14 you coauthor an op-ed with Francis Collins in the
- 15 Washington Post called "A Flu Virus Risk Worth
- 16 Taking"?
- 17 A. Well, I have it in front of me here, and
- 18 it has my name on it. So, yes, it looks like I
- 19 did coauthor an editorial in the Washington Post on
- 20 December 30th of 2011.
- 21 Q. Do you remember doing it or do you only
- 22 remember because you see it in front of you?
- 23 A. No. I vaguely remember. This was 11
- 24 years ago. I've written 1300 articles over my last
- 25 several years.

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1	Q. You look at the final paragraph on the
2	first page in the first or sort of the first
3	sentence of the final paragraph of the first page,
4	your op-ed states: "Given these uncertainties,
5	important information and insights can come from
6	generating a potentially dangerous virus in the
7	laboratory." Do you remember writing that?
8	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I would ask for
9	Dr. Fauci to have an opportunity to familiarize
10	himself with the document
11	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
12	MR. KIRSCHNER: prior to answering
13	questions about it.
14	THE WITNESS: Yeah. Let me just read it
15	and see.
16	BY MR. SAUER:
17	Q. Let me ask you a question unrelated to
18	that document just in general. Do you believe as you
19	sit here today that important information, insights,
20	can come from generating a potentially dangerous
21	virus in a laboratory?
22	A. Well, yeah, if you take it into the
23	correct context because when you say "Generating a
24	potentially dangerous virus in the laboratory," that
25	is usually in the context of, for example, taking

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- 1 this H5N1 and studying it in different ways that
- 2 could potentially make it more dangerous but only
- 3 under very strict conditions laid out for the
- 4 guardrails of conducting experiments that could
- 5 potentially create such a dangerous virus. And if
- 6 you look at the context of this particular paper, the
- 7 point that Dr. Collins, Dr. Nabel and I were making
- 8 that there is a risk as we were talking about with
- 9 pandemic influenza to understand as best as possible.
- 10 And, in fact, if you go to the next paragraph, we say
- 11 "Understanding the biology of virus transmission has
- 12 implications for outbreak prediction, prevention and
- 13 treatment."
- 14 And the point we were making in this
- 15 article is that there is a risk benefit to research
- 16 like this, and the point we were making it says "A
- 17 risk worth taking if the benefit is the protection of
- 18 the American and global public."
- 19 O. You refer to conditions under which such
- 20 research should be done --
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. -- when you're generating potentially
- 23 dangerous viruses.
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. First of all, is that kind of

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- 1 research generally referred to as gain-of-function
- 2 research?
- A. Gain of function is a very potentially
- 4 misleading terminology, and that was one of the
- 5 reasons why several years ago outside groups, not the
- 6 NIH, made the determination that they would much more
- 7 strictly define the quardrails of experiments that
- 8 would require additional oversight and did away with
- 9 the terminology "gain of function" because it can
- 10 often be very confusing and misleading.
- 11 Q. When was that terminology "gain of
- 12 function" done away with?
- 13 A. At the time, I believe -- and I'm not a
- 14 hundred percent sure -- but there was a period of
- 15 time between, I think, 2011 and 2014 or '12 and '14,
- 16 I'm not sure, when there was a pause that was put on
- 17 research that was related to the manipulation of the
- 18 influenza virus in order to get more concrete and
- 19 more definitive guidelines about what the guardrails
- 20 of this research should be.
- 21 Q. Do those guardrails include things like
- 22 the level of biosafety -- biosafety level at which
- 23 such research should be done?
- 24 A. That, I believe, was part of it. I'm not
- 25 sure if it was explicitly said, but it certainly

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- 1 could be. There were two elements to it. There was
- 2 the pause, which any research that could potentially
- 3 have any collaterally dangerous aspects to it were
- 4 put on pause, and then a number of organizations
- 5 outside of the NIH, including the Office of Science
- 6 and Technology Policy, OSTP, the academies of
- 7 science, engineering and medicine, and a number of
- 8 working groups on the outside developed more clarity
- 9 to the kinds of oversight that would be needed. That
- 10 is referred to as P3CO or pandemic potential
- 11 pathogens care and oversight, and the --
- 12 Q. Is that some type -- go ahead.
- 13 A. And the reason for that was the lack of
- 14 clarity in the terminology "gain of function," which
- 15 is often confusing. So it was felt by these outside
- 16 groups to be very clear on the kinds of experiments
- 17 that needed additional oversight.
- 18 Q. Could I give you a second document, which
- 19 I guess will be Exhibit 2?
- 20 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 2 was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Just letting Dr. Fauci
- 23 know that the court reporter will provide him the
- 24 document that he's to look at. This -- these
- 25 are copies for counsel.

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- 1 Do you want to mark this one also? Thank
- 2 you.
- 3 BY MR. SAUER:
- 4 Q. This Exhibit 2 is a document printed off
- of the NIH website called "Understanding the Risk of
- 6 Bat Coronavirus Emergence." Are you familiar with
- 7 the project that's referred to in this document
- 8 titled "Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus
- 9 Emergence"?
- 10 A. I'm vaguely familiar with the fact that
- 11 EcoHealth Alliance has been doing research on trying
- 12 to understand the bat coronavirus emergence.
- 13 Q. And was this project initiated in 2014 on
- 14 your understanding?
- 15 A. I do not know. That is not something that
- 16 I would have followed very carefully.
- 17 Q. Would you have approved this in your
- 18 capacity as head of NIAID?
- 19 A. I do --
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Assuming
- 21 evidence not in the record.
- 22 BY MR. SAUER:
- 23 Q. You may answer.
- 24 A. I do not individually approve grants.
- 25 They go through multiple levels of peer review, so I

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- 1 would not have, by standard way things work, have
- 2 seen this, read it, or individually approved it.
- 3 That's not the way things work in the
- 4 Institute.
- 5 Q. Do you have any recollection of this at
- 6 the time?
- 7 A. I have no recollection -- I have no
- 8 recollection of the initiation of this grant.
- 9 Q. If you flip to the second page, under
- 10 "Details," it mentions EcoHealth Alliance. You
- 11 referred to that a second ago, as the recipient of
- 12 the project.
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. Is that right?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. And that's your understanding, they did
- 17 receive funding under this project; is that right?
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Assuming
- 19 evidence not in the record.
- 20 MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. You may answer.
- 22 A. I'm sorry. Would you repeat the question.
- 23 I'm not understanding what the question is.
- 24 Q. Is it your understanding that EcoHealth
- 25 Alliance received funding from NIAID under this

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	project?
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- 2 A. Well, looking at this, I can't make that
- 3 connection. I do know, with all of the activity
- 4 that's been going on with EcoHealth Alliance and the
- 5 NIAID funding, that indeed, NIAID has funded
- 6 EcoHealth Alliance. I don't know if I can
- 7 specifically link it to this particular grant because
- 8 this is the first time that I have seen this piece of
- 9 paper.
- 10 Q. Got you. Above that, it lists a man
- 11 called Peter Daszak. How do you say his name, if you
- 12 **know?**
- 13 A. I'm not sure. I think it's Daszak. I
- 14 think so.
- 15 O. Do you know Mr. Daszak?
- 16 A. I have met him once or twice. I would not
- 17 exactly characterize him as an acquaintance.
- 18 Q. In what connection have you met -- sorry,
- 19 go ahead.
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: Can you please let the
- 21 witness answer the questions.
- 22 MR. SAUER:
- Q. Go ahead.
- A. So what's the question again.
- 25 O. In what connection have you met him?

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1	A. You know, I don't even remember meeting
2	him, but I do know that someone showed me a picture
3	at a meeting where somebody said, here, take a
4	picture with him. And so I clearly must have met him
5	because there's a photograph, I believe, of he and I.
6	But that is not unusual, when you go to a
7	scientific meeting, you run into hundreds of people.
8	And I believe that this Dr. Daszak is one of the
9	people that I almost well, I did run into him
10	because I believe I've seen a photograph of he and I
11	together at a meeting.
12	But he's not somebody that I would have
13	had a major amount I think someone in one of the
14	thousands of e-mails of mine that have been foyered,
15	someone showed me, I think, or pointed out, that
16	there was an e-mail from Peter Daszak to me.
17	And I don't remember the content, but I
18	think it was some casual type of response to
19	something, but it's not someone that I deal with on a
20	regular basis. That is rather clear.
21	Q. On that the same page, below Daszak and
22	EcoHealth Alliance, there's a reference to NIAID
23	funding this grant from 1st June of 2014 to 31st May
24	2019.
25	Do you see that?

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- 1 A. It says "Budget Start, 1st of June.
- 2 Budget End." Is that what you're talking about?
- 3 Q. Yeah. Over there on the right.
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Did you later become aware that not -- at
- 6 any time, that NIAID was funding this project?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
- 8 Assuming evidence not in the record.
- 9 THE WITNESS: So I'm sorry. What is the
- 10 question?
- 11 MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. Did you, at any time later, become aware
- that NIAID was funding this project understanding the
- 14 risk of bat Coronavirus emergence?
- 15 A. I became aware of this after all of the
- 16 attention was put on it, following the early part of
- 17 January, February, mid-March of 2020, but I certainly
- 18 was not aware -- well, I wouldn't say certainly
- 19 because who knows what came across my desk.
- 20 Thousands of pieces of paper come across my desk.
- 21 But I do not recall at all being aware of
- 22 the existence of this grant at the time that it was
- 23 initially funded of the dates shown on page 2.
- 24 Q. If you go to the first page, in the
- abstract text, see that big paragraph that covers

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1	most	of	the	first	page?
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- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. Very bottom, last couple sentences. Do
- 4 you see where it begins number 3, and it says, "Test
- 5 predictions of COV interspecies transmission"?
- 6 A. Hold on. What line up from the bottom are
- 7 you talking about?
- 8 Q. Fourth line up from the bottom.
- 9 A. Fourth line up from the bottom. "Test
- 10 predictions" --
- 11 Q. "Test predictions of CoV" --
- 12 A. "Test predictions of -- predictive models
- of post strains will be tested experimentally using
- 14 reverse genetics" -- yeah.
- 15 Q. What does reverse genetics refer to in
- 16 that line? Do you know?
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I'm not really guite sure
- 19 what they're referring to. Reverse genetics can mean
- 20 many things. Manipulation of a virus, recombination,
- 21 things like that. I'm not exactly sure what they
- 22 were referring to here.
- 23 MR. SAUER:
- Q. Can it refer to what we were talking about
- a minute ago that you talked about in your

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- 1 2011 op-ed about generating a more dangerous virus in
- 2 a laboratory.
- 3 Can reverse genetics refer to that?
- 4 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 5 speculation.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah. You know, reverse
- 7 genetics is a very, very broad term that could have
- 8 multiple applications. The influenza virus vaccine
- 9 that I hope you were vaccinated with this year was
- 10 likely produced by reverse genetics.
- 11 So reverse genetics is a very broad
- 12 categorization.
- 13 MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. Can it refer to genetic manipulation of a
- virus in a way that renders it either more
- 16 transmissible or more virulent?
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 18 speculation.
- 19 MR. SAUER:
- 20 Q. Can it refer to that, on your
- 21 understanding?
- 22 A. Like I said, reverse genetics is a very
- 23 broad terminology, and it mean manipulation of a
- 24 virus. We do that when we create an attenuated
- 25 influenza virus, and I believe it can be done also to

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- 1 amplify the function of the virus.
- 2 Q. I'm going to hand you a document that
- 3 we've marked Exhibit 3.
- 4 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 3 was marked for
- 5 identification.)
- 6 MR. SAUER:
- 7 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 8 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. To the extent
- 9 the question is asking for what Dr. Fauci was shown
- 10 during preparation, I would instruct the witness not
- 11 to answer on work product grounds. It's a standing
- 12 objection for all documents. Not saying whether we
- did or did not show him such documents, but to the
- 14 extent you're asking if he recognizes this document
- 15 outside of the preparation, you can ask.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I don't recognize it as a
- document that I've seen before, but I'm put before
- 18 me, I would say, tens of thousands of documents in my
- 19 capacity. I am aware of the concept of the
- 20 gain-of-function pause involving influenza, MERS and
- 21 SARS viruses.
- 22 MR. SAUER:
- 23 Q. Let me ask you this: Can you flip to the
- 24 second page of the document? At the top, it says:
- 25 "U.S. government gain-of-function deliberative

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- 1 process and research funding pause."
- 2 You referred earlier in your testimony, I
- 3 believe, to a period starting in 2014 where there was
- 4 a pause on gain-of-function research.
- 5 Do you recall that?
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
- 7 Mischaracterizes testimony.
- 8 MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. Do you recall?
- 10 A. I'm sorry. I'm getting confused on your
- 11 questions.
- 12 Q. Well, let me ask you.
- 13 MR. KIRSCHNER: I would ask counsel to
- 14 allow Dr. Fauci to familiarize himself with the
- 15 document prior to asking more questions.
- 16 THE WITNESS: So if the footnote says 1, I
- 17 have to find out what 1 is referring to. So if you
- 18 just give me a second.
- 19 MR. SAUER:
- Q. If you see there, it's the bottom line of
- 21 the second paragraph.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 THE COURT REPORTER: And if I could just
- 24 ask counsel to slow down a little bit, please.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. What's the question?

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2	Q.	The question is: Are you familiar with
3	the U.S. G	Government policy adopted in 2014 pausing
4	gain-of-fu	unction research on certain viruses?
5	A.	Yes, I am familiar with it.
6	Q.	And was there an exception in that policy?
7		Yes or no?
8	A.	To my to my it says right here an

10 Q. Were you aware of that exception at the

exception; so obviously there was.

11 time --

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12 A. Because --

BY MR. SAUER:

- 13 Q. -- it was adopted?
- 14 A. Either at the time it was adopted or
- 15 sometime thereafter. And to my recollection and,
- 16 again, this was 2014; so we're talking eight years
- 17 ago, but my recollection is that the pause was for
- 18 all research such as this until a new U.S. Government
- 19 research policy could be developed.
- 20 Q. And was there an exception to that pause
- 21 that's set forth in the footnote on your
- 22 understanding?
- 23 A. Yeah. The deliberations at the time based
- 24 on the need to continue certain critical research
- 25 that an exception clause was put in saying that under

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- 1 special circumstances -- and I'll read it so that you
- 2 get an understanding -- an exception from the pause
- 3 may be obtained if the head of a U.S. Government
- 4 funding agency determines that the research is
- 5 urgently needed to protect the public health or
- 6 national security.
- 7 So at the time that the pause on all of
- 8 this research was implemented, it was felt strongly
- 9 by just about everybody in the research community and
- 10 the public health community that if you paused
- 11 everything, there might be a situation where you
- 12 would want to do an experiment that would be urgently
- 13 necessary to protect the public health and national
- 14 security and, therefore, that would allow an
- 15 exception to be considered.
- 16 Q. Did you ever invoke that exception when --
- or you're the head of a U.S. Government funding
- 18 agency --
- 19 A. Yeah.
- 20 **Q. -- aren't you?**
- A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. Did you ever invoke that exception during
- 23 the years the pause was in place?
- A. As I recall, exceptions were given to a
- 25 couple of experiments. To my recollection, that does

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- 1 not usually rise up to the office of the director but
- 2 is handled at the level of staff and deputy. So I
- 3 don't recall. It is possible, though I doubt it, but
- 4 it is possible that a piece of paper that was an
- 5 ultimate signoff on an exception came to my desk, but
- 6 I doubt it because I do not recall specifically ever
- 7 being someone that put a piece of paper in front of
- 8 me and said "we're going to have an exception. Would
- 9 you sign off on it?" So it is likely, though, again,
- 10 I'm not certain. It was eight years ago. It was
- 11 likely that it was done at the staff level or at the
- 12 level of my deputy or someone like that.
- 13 Q. It -- is it your understanding that anyone
- 14 at NIAID authorized any research under this pause
- during the years that the gain -- the -- the
- 16 moratorium was in effect?
- 17 A. Again --
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 19 speculation.
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. If you know?
- 22 A. My memory is vague about this because it
- 23 was eight years ago, but I understand in subsequent
- 24 discussions that there may have been a couple of
- 25 exceptions to that in the context of research that

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- 1 was considered necessary for the protection of the
- 2 public health or national security.
- 3 O. Did any of those projects relate to
- 4 research on viruses conducted by EcoHealth Alliance?
- 5 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Assumes
- 6 evidence not in the record.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm not certain. I
- 8 don't -- I don't really recall. I know -- I believe
- 9 that after the fact, I was brought -- it was brought
- 10 to my attention that there were exceptions. I am not
- 11 quite sure what the exceptions were for, but there
- 12 were a couple of exceptions.
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. Who in your agency would have authorized
- 15 those, if not you?
- 16 A. Well, it could have been any of a number
- of people. It could have been people at the program
- 18 level. It could have been my deputy. It could have
- 19 been program managers and division directors.
- Q. Who's your deputy?
- 21 A. Dr. Hugh Auchincloss.
- 22 Q. How do you say his last name, Auchincloss?
- A. Auchincloss, A-U-C-H-I-N-C-L-O-S-S.
- Q. What's his title?
- 25 A. Principal deputy director.

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1	Q. I'm giving you a document we've marked as
2	Exhibit 4.
3	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 4 was marked for
4	<pre>identification.)</pre>
5	BY MR. SAUER:
6	Q. And do you see this Nature Medicine
7	article entitled "A SARS-like cluster of circulating
8	bat coronaviruses shows potential for human
9	emergence"?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Were you familiar with this this
12	article when it was published in 2015?
13	A. I was not familiar with it when it was
14	published in 2015.
15	Q. When did you first become aware of it?
16	A. I believe again, I read a lot of
17	articles I believe it was brought to my attention
18	in the context of questions that were raised by
19	members of Congress about experiments that were
20	funded by the NIAID.
21	Q. So would that have been in and around 2021
22	time frame, do you know, when you first became aware
23	of it?
24	A. It certainly was after the beginning of
25	the COVID-19 outbreak.

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1	Q. How long after the beginning would you
2	estimate?
3	A. I don't recall.
4	Q. Would it have been right at the beginning
5	of the outbreak or months into it or years into it?
6	A. You know, years is where we are right now.
7	So it wouldn't have been years. So it likely would
8	have been several months, though I'm not a hundred
9	percent certain.
10	Q. And so who are the last two authors listed
11	on the top there?
12	A. Well, one is Ralph Baric, who I believe is
13	a scientist at North Carolina, who is a long-term
14	grantee of NIAID.
15	Q. Do you know Ralph Baric?
16	A. Not really. I know who he is. I doubt if
17	I've ever met him. I may have met him at one of the
18	meetings where there are thousands of scientists
19	saying hi to each other, but I know who he is. He is
20	a scientist at University of North Carolina.
21	Q. And he's funded by NIAID?
22	A. He is.
23	Q. But you don't remember ever meeting him in
24	person?
25	A. Again, I don't recall. I could have met

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- 1 him. Again, I run into several thousands of
- 2 scientists that we refer to, but I don't recall
- 3 certainly having a relationship with him.
- 4 O. How about the person that's listed
- 5 immediately before him listed here as Zhengli Shi?
- 6 Do you know who that is?
- 7 A. I believe, if I'm correct, that this is a
- 8 scientist who is at the Wuhan Institute of Virology,
- 9 I believe. I'm not a hundred percent certain. I get
- 10 sometimes confused with Asian names, but I believe
- 11 this is the person who is a scientist at the Wuhan
- 12 Institute.
- 13 Q. And are you aware generally that there's
- 14 someone called Shi Zhengli who's described in the
- 15 media as the bat woman who does research on bat
- 16 coronaviruses at the Wuhan lab --
- 17 A. Yeah, is that her? I don't know if that's
- 18 the same person. Like I said, when you're dealing
- 19 with Asian names, sometimes the first name is last
- 20 and the last name is first. So I -- I -- I believe
- 21 this is the person from Wuhan.
- 22 Q. Have you ever met that person before?
- 23 A. To my knowledge, I haven't. I don't --
- 24 I'm fairly certain I have not. I could possibly,
- 25 again, have run into her at one of the many

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1	scientific	meetings	that	occur,	but	I	don't

- 2 specifically recall ever personally running into her.
- 3 O. Can I direct your attention to the
- 4 beginning of the pandemic or at least the beginning
- of the outbreak? Do you remember when you first
- 6 became aware that there was an outbreak of a new
- 7 coronavirus in China?
- 8 A. It was either December 31st or the first
- 9 couple of days of the new year of 2020. So it was
- 10 either December the 31st of 19 -- 2019 or the first
- 11 couple of days of 2020.
- 12 Q. Do you recall at some point somebody,
- anybody, raising concerns to you in January of 2020
- 14 at the beginning of the outbreak or near
- 15 the beginning of the outbreak that the virus might
- 16 have been genetically engineered or originated in a
- 17 laboratory?
- 18 A. There was a phone call in late January of
- 19 2020, I believe, from Jeremy Farrar. There was one
- 20 other person on the phone. I believe it was
- 21 Christian Anderson, who piped me in on a three-way
- 22 call, saying that they looked at the virus and there
- 23 was some concern about the molecular configuration or
- 24 makeup of the virus that made them think there was a
- 25 possibility that there could have been a manipulation

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- 2 Q. Before that, had anyone raised a concern
- 3 like that to you?
- 4 A. To my recollection, no.
- 5 O. How about Robert Redfield? Who's he?
- 6 A. Robert Redfield at the time was the
- 7 director of the Centers for Disease Control and
- 8 Prevention.
- 9 Q. Did he call you in mid January 2020 and
- 10 raise that kind of concern about whether or not the
- virus originated from nature or in a laboratory?
- 12 A. To my recollection, no. I know that Bob
- 13 today talks about that. I don't recall back in
- 14 January of 2020 whether Bob was involved or not in
- 15 any discussion about the manipulation of the virus.
- 16 Q. Are you aware if there -- if there's any
- 17 relationship between Peter Daszak and Shi Zhengli,
- 18 the two coauthors of that study I showed you in
- 19 Exhibit 4? Do they work together or what's your
- 20 understanding of that?
- 21 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 22 speculation. Vague. Ambiguous.
- THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the question?
- 24 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. Are you -- do you know whether there's a

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- 1 working relationship between Shi Zhengli and
- 2 Peter Daszak?
- 3 A. Well, I do know now. I didn't know it at
- 4 the time, but I do know now that EcoHealth has a
- 5 subaward from their original grant that goes to
- 6 Shi Zhengli at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.
- 7 Q. So they work together on research that's
- 8 funded directly by NIAID --
- 9 A. The -- yeah, the funding goes to EcoHealth
- 10 which awards a subaward. To my knowledge and
- 11 recollection, it is a five-year grant of somewhere
- 12 between 500,000 and \$600,000. I believe it averages
- about 120 to \$130,000 a year for a five-year period.
- 14 O. Do you know whether Peter Daszak has
- access to, for example, the genomes of viruses that
- 16 Shi Zhengli has generated at the Wuhan Institute of
- 17 Virology?
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
- 19 Mischaracterizes the evidence.
- 20 MR. SAUER: I'm just asking him if he
- 21 knows.
- 22 MR. SAUER:
- Q. Do you know? I'm just asking if you know.
- A. Again, repeat the question. I want to
- 25 make sure I give you an accurate answer.

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1	Q. Do you know whether Peter Daszak had
2	access, or is in possession of data generated by Shi
3	Zhengli pursuant to their research together,
4	including the genomes of Coronaviruses?
5	A. I don't know absolutely for sure, but I
6	would imagine that if Peter Daszak is collaborating
7	scientifically with Shi Zhengli, that it is likely,
8	given the norms of scientific collaboration, that he
9	would have access to data if they were indeed
10	collaborating, which it looks like, from what I have
11	learned subsequently, that they are collaborators,
12	since he has a subaward to the Wuhan Institute that I
13	believe goes to Dr. Shi.
14	Q. Would it be ordinary practice for someone
15	in his position to have access to her data when he's
16	funding her, essentially through subawards?
17	A. That would be not be unusual and probably
18	likely.
19	Q. Can I give you Exhibit 5? We're
20	premarking them.
21	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 5 was marked for
22	identification.)
23	MR. SAUER:
24	Q. If you look at the top there, there's

someone sending an e-mail to you and Jen Routh called

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1	Greg	Folkers.	wno's	Greg	Folkers?

- 2 A. Greg Folkers is a member of my inner
- 3 office. He's my immediate chief of staff in my
- 4 office group.
- 5 Q. And then who's Jennifer Routh?
- 6 A. She's a member of our communications
- 7 staff.
- 8 Q. And then directly below her, who's
- 9 Courtney Billet?
- 10 A. She is the director of the Office of
- 11 Communication, Legislative Affairs, and Government
- 12 Outreach.
- 13 Q. And if you look at all these people on the
- 14 CC line, are they all within your kind of -- I think
- 15 you described it as your inner office?
- 16 A. Yes. They are in the immediate office of
- 17 the director.
- 18 Q. And it looks like the attachment was
- indicated with talking points for NIAID director,
- 20 Dr. Fauci?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. Would that be a common thing for your
- 23 chief of staff to do, to prepare talking points for
- when you're going to a press appearance or something
- 25 like that?

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1	A. That would be a not unusual thing if I was
2	going to whatever, a meeting or a congressional
3	briefing or what-have-you, and a subject was brought
4	up that I was not particularly familiar with, that my
5	staff would put together talking points to at least
6	update or inform me about what the meeting was about
7	and things that I should know about it.
8	Q. If you look in the body of the e-mail,
9	that kind of second paragraph that begins: "Also,
10	hyphen, hyphen."
11	Do you see that?
12	A. Wait a second. Where are we now?
13	Q. Well, kind of very close to the top,
14	second kind of text cluster that begins, "Also, when
15	talking about CoV, not necessarily in this venue"
16	Do you see that?
17	A. No, I'm really sorry. As a placeholder,
18	looks good, that's the first paragraph. "Also,"
19	okay, we're talking I got it.
20	Q. And Greg Mr. Folkers says to you, "We
21	have on our team," and then in parentheses, Vincent
22	and folks we fund, Peter Daszak, Ralph Baric, Ian
23	Lipkin, et cetera, "probably the world's experts
24	on nonhuman coronaviruses."
25	Do you see that?

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1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Do know what he means when he said that
3	those people are on your team? Does he mean that you
4	fund them?
5	A. I think he means I'm speculating I
6	don't recall this e-mail of January 27th, 2020. But
7	my speculation is that what Mr. Folkers was referring
8	to were people that were in our group or that we know
9	and are colleagues of ours because I mean, Peter
10	Daszak, we've already mentioned, is a grantee. Ralph
11	Baric is a grantee. Ian Lipkin is a scientist at the
12	Columbia School of Public Health.
13	I believe Vincent, though I don't know,
14	could possibly be Vincent Munster, who is a scientist
15	who's employed by NIAID, and I believe that's what
16	Mr. Folkers was referring to when he was saying
17	when talking about COVID, these are people who are
18	well versed in that area.
19	Q. Who's do you know Ian Lipkin?
20	A. I do.
21	Q. Is he a grantee of
22	A. I believe he is. I mean, he is a
23	well-established scientist in New York City at the
24	Columbia School I believe it's the Mailman School
25	of Public Health.

Two paragraphs down, it says, "NIAID has

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- 2 funded Peter's group, "referring to Mr. Daszak, "for coronavirus in China for the past five years through 3 4 understanding the risk of bat coronavirus emergence"; 5 correct? And then the grant number. 6 Α. Yes, I see that. 7 And that, I take it, would be the grant Q. that we referred to earlier in Exhibit 2, with the 9 same title, "Understanding the risk of bat 10 coronavirus emergence"? 11 MR. SAUER: Objection. Calls for 12 speculation. 13 THE WITNESS: I'm looking at 14 Exhibit Number 2 and the title is, "Understanding the
- 18 Q. Let me ask you this -- I don't need to the

risk of bat coronavirus emergence," and that is the

quote that is here, and the grant number is 1R01 --

- 19 hear the grant number? Can I just ask you --
- 20 A. Well, I'm trying to make sure that I'm
- 21 referring -- to give you a correct answer -- which is
- 22 the question you asked me: Is this referring to
- 23 this? And it looks like the grant numbers match and
- 24 the titles match, so my answer to your question is
- 25 yes -- they're referring to.

BY MR. SAUER:

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1	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I just would ask
2	to let the witness fully respond before cutting him
3	off.
4	BY MR. SAUER:
5	Q. Do you recall that grant being placed on
6	your radar screen on January 27th of 2020?
7	A. Based on this e-mail, it looks like
8	Mr. Folkers has at least mentioned it, but I wouldn't
9	characterize that as being, quote, put on my radar
10	screen to the point of garnering my precise attention
11	to it.
12	Let me finish reading the e-mail. It
13	says, "That's now been renewed with a specific focus
14	to identify cohorts of people exposed to bats in
15	China and work out if they're getting sick from
16	COVID. Erik Stemmy is the program officer and the
17	collaborators include the Wuhan Institute and Ralph.
18	The results of the work."
19	Yeah, I mean, I think this was likely the
20	situation where, when the idea of an outbreak in
21	China was brought up, or the coronavirus, that my
22	staff thought it would be important for me to
23	understand just the kind of things we were doing.
24	And I think the important sentence in here, which is
25	relevant, is that the grant wanted to

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- 1 identify cohorts of people exposed to bats in China,
- 2 and the reason for that is wanting to see if there
- 3 was the possibility of spillover from bat viruses to
- 4 humans that might or might not be related to
- 5 SARS-CoV-2. I believe that was the intent of this
- 6 briefing talking points, if I'm not mistaken.
- 7 Q. You're being given an exhibit that's
- 8 labeled Exhibit 6.
- 9 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 6 was marked for
- 10 identification.)
- 11 MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I would ask that
- 12 Dr. Fauci be given the opportunity to familiarize
- 13 himself with this document prior to being asked
- 14 questions related to it.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. February 1st.
- 16 BY MR. SAUER:
- 17 Q. I think you testified earlier that you
- 18 recalled the first time the concern about the origin
- of the virus being posted on your radar screen was
- 20 from a call from Christian Anderson and Jeremy
- 21 Farrar; is that right?
- 22 A. Yeah. I believe that my recollection from
- 23 a few years ago, that that's the first I became aware
- 24 of this concept of the possibility of there being a
- 25 manipulation of the virus.

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1	Q. Do you remember what was said in that			
2	call?			
3	A. To my recollection, on that call, Jeremy			
4	and Christian said they had looked at or at least			
5	Christian did, possibly Jeremy and maybe one other			
6	scientist and said that it is possible that there			
7	may have been a manipulation because it was an			
8	unusual virus. And on that call, I and others said,			
9	"Well, that being the case, we should bring together			
10	a group of highly qualified international			
11	evolutionary virologists to discuss the issue, and to			
12	see what the way forward would be to try to clarify			
13	that."			
14	And that was the phone call that we			
15	arranged, I believe for the following day, on			
16	February 1st, if I'm not mistaken. I think those are			
17	the dates. I'm fairly sure, but			
18	Q. You say I and others on the call suggested			
19	arranging a group of scientists to discuss this. Who			
20	are the others?			
21	A. Again, I believe I'm fairly certain,			
22	although I'm not 100 percent that was a few years			
23	ago that Jeremy Farrar was one and Christian			
24	Anderson was another. Eddie Holmes could possibly			
25	have been in on that. I know he got involved in this			

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- Q. Who's Eddie Holmes?
- 3 A. Eddie Holmes is a very
- 4 well-recognized evolutionary virologist who works in
- 5 Australia.
- 6 Q. Does he receive funding from your agency?
- 7 A. I don't know. I'm not certain whether he
- 8 does or not.
- 9 Q. Do you know Eddie Holmes?
- 10 A. I don't know him personally, but I know of
- 11 him. He's a very highly -- what's the right word for
- 12 it? Highly respected evolutionary virologist.
- 13 Q. Do you know Christian Anderson?
- 14 A. I know Christian. Not well. I've spoken
- 15 to him a few times. I believe the first time -- and
- 16 again, when you say "Do you know," remember, we all
- 17 go to international meetings where there are
- 18 hundreds, if not thousands, of people that you
- 19 interact with over the years.
- 20 To my recollection, I've heard of
- 21 Christian Anderson for a while. Christian is a
- 22 internationally renowned scientist. I believe maybe
- 23 the first time that I've actually spoken to Christian
- 24 was on that phone call, but it is possible that
- 25 without recalling, I ran into him and spoke to him on

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1	other occasions.
2	Q. Do you know why he brought that concern to
3	you in particular?
4	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
5	speculation.
6	THE WITNESS: I would imagine since I am,
7	with all due modesty, recognized as one of the top
8	infectious disease people in the country and the
9	director of the major research institution for
10	infectious diseases in the world that Christian and
11	Jeremy I know I've known Jeremy for a long time
12	that they thought it would be a good idea to give me
13	a call since I'm looked upon, rightly or not, as the
14	top government infectious diseases person, and they
15	felt, I believe you'll have to ask them but I
16	felt they believed, since I'm generally considered
17	the top government infectious disease person, that it
18	would be appropriate to let me know at the same time
19	as we brought in I don't have the list in front of
20	me of the scientists we brought together on the phone
21	call the following day, which was a Saturday let
22	me finish because I think it's important because
23	the people we brought in, we tried to get a large
24	international group of people together so we could
25	have well representation. As to my recollection,

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- 1 there were people like Sir Patrick Vallance, who was
- 2 the chief scientist in England on the phone, among
- 3 other people.
- 4 BY MR. SAUER:
- 5 Q. Could I pause for a second?
- 6 A. Sure.
- 7 Q. This is a deposition. I'm going to ask
- 8 you questions, and I'm going to ask you to listen to
- 9 the question --
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. -- and answer the question that I'm
- 12 asking --
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. -- and not go off on, like, a tangent.
- 15 A. Fine.
- 16 Q. Can you agree to do that, please?
- 17 A. I would be happy to do that.
- MR. KIRSCHNER: And, counsel, I would also
- 19 ask you to let the witness provide proper context
- 20 where he feels is necessary in response to your
- 21 questions.
- MR. SAUER: Yeah.
- 23 BY MR. SAUER:
- 24 Q. Let me direct your attention to the first
- 25 page of Exhibit 6 in front of you. At the bottom of

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- 1 that page, you see it indicates that on Friday,
- 2 January 31st, 2020, at 18:47, you wrote an e-mail to
- 3 Jeremy and Christian saying "this came out today.
- 4 You may have seen it. If not, it is of interest to
- 5 the current discussion"; correct?
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection, Your Honor --
- 7 not Your Honor.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Well, you're very honorable
- 9 but go ahead.
- 10 MR. KIRSCHNER: I just would like the
- 11 witness to have an opportunity to familiarize himself
- 12 with the document.
- MR. SAUER: I'm just directing his
- 14 attention to that spot on the page.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. Do you see the spot I referred to?
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Well, I would like to make
- 18 sure that the witness is familiar with the
- 19 document --
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. Right here.
- 22 MR. KIRSCHNER: -- prior to answering
- 23 questions about the document.
- 24 BY MR. SAUER:
- 25 Q. So I just asked if you see that spot on

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1	the page?	
2	A. Where it says "this just came out today"?	
3	Q. Yeah.	
4	A. Yes.	
5	Q. And is that a reference to the article by	
6	Jon Cohen in Science Magazine?	
7	A. You know, I don't recall.	
8	Q. You don't recall sending that message?	
9	A. No, no. I	
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: Object	
11	THE WITNESS: No, no. Let me finish.	
12	MR. KIRSCHNER: Go ahead.	
13	THE WITNESS: You're asking me a question.	
14	When you say "this just came out today," and on the	
15	next page of Exhibit 6, there's an article by	
16	Jon Cohen on mining coronavirus genomes for clues in	
17	the outbreak, since they are juxtaposed together, I	
18	imagine that that's what I sent, but I don't recall	
19	specifically that article.	
20	BY MR. SAUER:	
21	Q. Do you know do you know why you would	
22	have said that article is of interest to the current	
23	discussion?	
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Assuming	
25	evidence not in the record. Mischaracterizes the	

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- 1 testimony. THE WITNESS: Looking at the title of the
- 3 article, which is "Mining Genomes for Clues in the
- 4 Outbreak," you know, I'm not sure exactly why I would
- 5 have sent it. Imagine is that if they're referring
- 6 to the genomic makeup of the virus and we were
- 7 talking about the genomic makeup of SARS-CoV-2 that
- raised some suspicion on the part of Christian and
- Jeremy, that's an article in science by Jon Cohen 9
- 10 that talks about genomes of virus would be, as it
- 11 said, might be of interest to the current discussion.
- 12 I imagine that's what I was referring to.
- BY MR. SAUER: 13

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- 14 If you look -- staying on Page 1, if you Q.
- 15 look immediately above your e-mail, do you see the
- 16 kind of response e-mail from Dr. Anderson?
- 17 Let me read it. Α.
- 18 Yeah.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you see in the second paragraph
- 20 that e-mail --
- 2.1 Α. Yeah.
- 2.2 -- where he mentions I should mention that Q.
- 23 after discussions earlier today, says Dr. Anderson,
- 24 Eddie, Bob, Mike and myself all find the genome
- 25 inconsistent with expectations from evolutionary

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1	theory?	
2	Α.	Right.
3	Q.	Do you know who Eddie is?
4	Α.	Eddie Holmes probably.
5	Q.	Do you know who Bob is?
6	Α.	Could be Bob Garry. I'm not sure.
7	Q.	And do you know Mike is?
8	Α.	I don't, but it could be Mike Laribee.
9	I'm not s	ure.
10	Q.	Okay. And then immediately above that
11	at Dr.	Anderson said, "the unusual features of the
12	virus mak	e up a really small part of the genome so
13	one has to	o look really closely at all of the
14	sequences	to see that some of the features
15	potential:	ly look engineered
16	Α.	Right.
17	Q.	correct?
18	Α.	Yes.
19	Q.	Does that is that the sort of concern
20	that he ha	ad raised in the call you had earlier that
21	day on Fr	iday, January 31st?
22	Α.	The answer is, yes, he was referring to
23	some unus	ual features, but if I might just take an
24	extra five	e seconds, it says the unusual features of
25	the virus	make up a really small part of the genome

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- 1 and one has to look really closely, and that was the
- 2 tone of the discussion.
- And just quickly referring to the last
- 4 sentence in the second paragraph when he was talking
- 5 about inconsistent with expectations from
- 6 evolutionary theory, the next sentence says, "but we
- 7 have to look at this much more closely and there are
- 8 still further analyses to be done, so those opinions
- 9 could still change."
- 10 Q. Did you think this was an alarming concern
- 11 that he was raising?
- 12 A. I think it was an interesting and
- important concern, and that was the reason why we all
- 14 agreed it would be a very good idea to get a larger
- 15 group of qualified evolutionary virologists to look
- 16 closely, more than just a quick look, but a look over
- 17 a period of a couple of days at the virus to see if,
- in fact, this concern and suspicion was justified or
- 19 there could be another explanation for it.
- 20 Q. Can you stay in that same document,
- 21 Exhibit 6, and flip ahead to the eighth page of the
- document that's got a Bates Number 2432 at the
- 23 **bottom?**
- 24 MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I, again, ask you
- 25 to allow Dr. Fauci sufficient time to -- actually,

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- 1 counsel, this seems to be several documents together.
- 2 I'm a little confused what's going on with -- with --
- 3 with this exhibit.
- 4 BY MR. SAUER:
- 5 Q. Can you turn to the eighth page of the
- 6 exhibit, please?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Well, I would like for
- 8 Dr. Fauci to have an opportunity to familiarize
- 9 himself with this exhibit prior to answering
- 10 questions.
- 11 MR. SAUER: I just want him to look at the
- 12 eighth page.
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. Do you see the eighth page?
- 15 A. Is that 2421?
- 16 **Q.** 2432.
- 17 A. Oh, excuse me, 2432. I'm sorry. This --
- 18 the numbers are kind of -- oh, it's going the
- 19 opposite direction. Sorry. The -- I got 2430 and
- 20 then it's followed by 2431, and then it's 2421.
- 21 MR. KIRSCHNER: I have the same.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm confused.
- 23 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. Can you go to -- starting at the first
- 25 page, count eight pages. One, two, three, four,

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1	five, six, seven, look at the eighth page.
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Well, counsel, this seems
3	to be out of order with the Bates stamping, and so I
4	would object to this as being misleading. 2432 is
5	inserted in this document between 2402 and 2426.
6	MR. SAUER: Off the record, please. Can
7	we go off the record?
8	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Time is 9:04 a.m., and
9	we are going off the record.
10	(Discussion off the record.)
11	(Recess.)
12	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 9:05 a.m.,
13	and we're back on the record.
14	BY MR. SAUER:
15	Q. Dr. Fauci, do you see the eighth page of
16	this document?
17	A. Yeah. If it's the one that says, "Hugh,
18	it's essential that we speak," yeah.
19	Q. Correct, yeah. And at the top of this
20	page, you sent this e-mail to Hugh Auchincloss?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. Is that how you say his name?
23	A. That's correct.
24	Q. You sent this e-mail to Hugh Auchincloss,
25	your principal deputy

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1	Α.	Yes.
	4 A •	1 CD •

- Q. Did you send it at 12:29 a.m. on Saturday,
- 3 February 1st?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. In the "To" e-mail, there's a cc there
- 6 that's redacted out. Do you know who you CC'd on
- 7 this e-mail?
- 8 A. No. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Would you have CC'd one of your personal
- 10 e-mail addresses on this?
- 11 A. No, I very rarely do that.
- 12 Q. Have you ever done that? Have you
- 13 ever CC'd your personal e-mail on a
- 14 work-related matter?
- 15 A. You know, I don't recall. I doubt that.
- 16 I doubt that.
- 17 Q. Do you see there's an attachment listed on
- 18 this e-mail? Attachments? Do you see where it says,
- 19 Shi, et al., Nature Medicine --
- 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. -- SARS Gain of Function?
- 22 A. Right.
- 23 Q. Do you know what that attachment was?
- 24 It's not included on the e-mail.
- 25 A. You know, it says, "SARS Baric, Shi, et

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- 1 al., Nature Medicine." It could possibly have
- been -- it could possibly -- again, I don't know for
- 3 sure, but it's certainly consistent with it being
- 4 Exhibit No. 4.
- 5 Q. And that is the 2015 article?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. Coauthored?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. In part by Ralph Baric and Shi Zhengli
- 10 that we talked about earlier?
- 11 A. Right.
- 12 Q. Do you recall attaching that particular
- exhibit to this e-mail to Hugh?
- 14 A. I can't say that I recall that particular,
- 15 but it is certainly consistent with that because the
- 16 attachment title is Baric, Shi, Nature Medicine.
- 17 So it certainly is consistent with, and
- 18 maybe likely that that's what I was referring to.
- 19 All those things look consistent.
- 20 Q. In other words, that Exhibit 4 is a Nature
- 21 Medicine article; correct?
- 22 A. Exhibit 4 is a Nature Medicine article.
- 23 Q. And two of the coauthors are Baric and Shi
- 24 that we talked about earlier?
- 25 A. Correct. Yes.

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1	Q. And then did you describe it as a SARS
2	gain-of-function article?
3	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
4	Mischaracterizes the evidence.
5	BY MR. SAUER:
6	Q. Did you describe it as that?
7	A. It looks like it was described as that.
8	Q. Do you know if you were the one who wrote
9	that title describing that article?
10	A. I don't recall. I'm not sure exactly why
11	those words got in there. It was maybe something
12	that was mentioned by Baric. I don't really recall.
13	That was some time ago.
14	Q. Do you think that that article, it refers
15	to the gain of function or do you not recall?
16	A. I don't recall.
17	Q. Do you know why you attached that article
18	to this e-mail to Hugh, your principal deputy?
19	A. I don't recall, but I believe and
20	again, I would say I don't precisely recall, but
21	there was some recollection or someone told you that,
22	you know, we do fund research in China,
23	particularly surveillance research I think you
24	referred to it when you gave me one of the exhibits
25	about the surveillance of what might be out in the

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- 1 community among bats. And at my recollection, I
- 2 brought to Hugh's attention, saying, "We have to
- 3 speak in the morning, because I want to find out what
- 4 the scope of what it is that we are funding so I'll
- 5 know what we're talking about."
- And that's what I was referring to when I
- 7 said you will have tasks today to give me some
- 8 information because this was the first that I had
- 9 heard about specifics of what EcoHealth and what
- 10 other people were doing, and I wanted my staff to say
- 11 get me up to date. So that's what I meant by you
- 12 have work to do.
- 13 Q. And you said that it was essential that we
- 14 speak this morning, this a.m.; correct?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. And so you wanted him -- and you said keep
- your cell phone on; correct?
- 18 A. Right. Yeah. And the reason is that I
- 19 know that we were going to have a phone call with the
- 20 larger group of evolutionary virologists, and this is
- 21 the first that I had heard of what we may or may not
- 22 be funding through EcoHealth and others, and I wanted
- 23 to get a better scope of just what the terrain of
- 24 what we were doing in collaboration with different
- 25 scientists, and that's why I asked him that question.

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1	Q.	Did you call Hugh's cell phone that day?
2	Α.	I don't recall if I did.
3	Q.	Do you remember talking to him at all that
4	day?	
5	Α.	I might have, but I don't recall.
6	Q.	Later in the e-mail, you say, "Read this
7	paper, as	well as the e-mail that I will forward to
8	you now."	
9	Α.	Right.
10	Q.	What are the tasks that must be done
11	today?	
12	Α.	I wanted to be briefed on the scope of
13	what our c	ollaborations were and the kind of work
14	that we we	re funding in China. I wanted to know what
15	the nature	of that work was.

17 work that you had funded in China might have led to

Were you concerned at that time that the

the creation of the coronavirus? 18

0.

- 19 I wasn't concerned that it might have, but Α.
- 20 I didn't like the fact that I was completely in the
- 21 dark about the totality of the work that were
- being done, and I was going into a phone call with a 22
- 23 larger group of established scientists and I wanted
- to have at my fingertips just what we were and were 24
- not doing. 25

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- 1 Q. In the call earlier that evening, had
- 2 Christian Anderson or Jeremy Farrar raised this 2015
- 3 Nature Medicine paper in any way?
- 4 A. I don't recall.
- 5 Q. How did you think of it? How did this --
- 6 why were you, at midnight, a little after midnight,
- 7 thinking of this particular 2015 article?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Do you remember how this article kind of
- 10 got on your radar screen at all?
- 11 A. I don't recall.
- 12 Q. And I think I showed you earlier, the
- e-mail, I think is Exhibit 5, where it refers to the
- 14 grant pursuant to that coronavirus from about three
- 15 days earlier? Do you remember that?
- 16 A. I'm sorry. You're going pretty quickly --
- 17 **Q.** Sorry.
- THE COURT REPORTER: Also, Counsel, I need
- 19 you to slow down.
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. Let's move on actually. Your testimony is
- you do not remember how you became aware at this time
- of the Shi, Baric Nature Medicine paper; correct?
- 24 A. Say that again? At this time, I'm sorry,
- 25 I'm not getting your question clearly.

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- 1 Q. Do you recall how you became aware of this
- 2 attachment that you've called Baric, Shi, et al.,
- 3 Nature Medicine SARS gain-of-function?
- 4 A. I don't recall -- I mean, I became aware
- of it, but right now, I really don't recall what
- 6 specific day I became aware of it.
- 7 Q. In your e-mail, you tell Hugh, "Read this
- 8 paper as well as the paper I will forward to you
- 9 later on."
- 10 Can you turn to the next page?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. And here it's an e-mail just a couple
- 13 minutes later -- it's literally the same minute that
- 14 you sent to Hugh at 12:29 a.m. on Saturday, February
- 15 1st, 2020; correct?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 O. And here you're forwarding him that same
- 18 Jon Cohen article that you had sent to Christian
- 19 Anderson and Farrar?
- 20 A. Did I send it to Christian and Farrar?
- 21 Yeah.
- 22 Q. Remember sending it to him and saying to
- 23 him: This is of interest in the current discussion?
- 24 This same Jon Cohen e-mail or article?
- 25 A. I'm sorry. I'm getting confused with your

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- 1 question. So what is the question?
- Q. Well, let me ask you this: Looking at
- 3 this second e-mail to Hugh Auchincloss?
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. Why did you forward him this
- 6 particular article?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 8 speculation.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I actually don't
- 10 recall why I forwarded it to him.
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. Did you -- you forwarded him two articles,
- 13 right? The Baric, Shi Nature Medicine article at
- 14 12:29 a.m., and then the Jon Cohen Science article as
- 15 **well?**
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. Do you know why you did that?
- 18 A. I don't recall why I did that. I think I
- 19 wanted him to be aware because the question that I
- 20 was really getting at with him is that I want to find
- 21 out what the scope of what we were doing in China
- 22 because they obviously called me up and said they had
- 23 a concern about a virus. I wanted to make sure I
- 24 knew everything that we were doing there.
- 25 Q. Do you remember --

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1	A. That was the purpose of my e-mail.
2	Q. Do you remember talking to him about that?
3	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
4	answered.
5	BY MR. SAUER:
6	Q. If you know?
7	Do you remember talking to Hugh about that
8	concern?
9	A. I don't remember, but I think somewhere it
10	says I think I said I was going to call you
11	somewhere. I'm not I don't recall speaking to
12	him. I I recognize the e-mails because, as I said
13	and I'll repeat, I was going to be on a phone call
14	with a large group of people who are very versed in
15	the field, and I didn't want to go into the phone
16	call not knowing the scope of what our relationship
17	was regarding funding of grants in China. I was not
18	familiar with these grants.

- 19 Q. Did you ever raise those grants in China
- in the phone call you had later that day with all the
- 21 scientists?
- 22 A. I don't believe I did. I might have, but
- 23 I don't believe I did. The discussion -- I was
- 24 relatively silent in the discussion with the group of
- 25 about a dozen people. They were all evolutionary

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- 1 virologists, and the nature of the discussion was
- 2 back and forth about the likelihood or not of there
- 3 being a manipulation.
- 4 No, I don't recall bringing this up. In
- 5 fact, what I did have -- heard in statements from
- 6 people who were on the call that I was, you know,
- 7 quite open and let people talk and decide what they
- 8 wanted to do, but that's not my field, evolutionary
- 9 virology.
- 10 Q. Do you remember saying anything at all on
- 11 that call?
- 12 A. I may have said a few things, but I was
- 13 relatively silent on that call.
- 14 Q. Do you know what they were?
- 15 A. What "what" were?
- 16 Q. The things that you may have said.
- 17 A. No, I don't recall, but I certainly was
- 18 not one of the people actively engaged in the
- 19 discussion. I was relatively quiet because I wanted
- 20 to hear what they had to say.
- 21 Q. Can you flip ahead in that document to --
- 22 five more pages from that ninth page that we were
- on -- or six more pages from that ninth page that we
- 24 were on. There's a document that's Bates Number
- 25 **2421.**

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1	A. 2421?
2	Q. Yeah. It's an e-mail from you to
3	A. Yes, got it.
4	Q Lawrence Tabak. Do you have that?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Who who who's Lawrence Tabak or
7	Tabak?
8	A. Lawrence Tabak is the at the time was
9	the deputy director of the National Institutes of
10	Health. He is currently the acting director of
11	the National Institutes of Health.
12	Q. Do you see did you forward him the same
13	article at 1:13 in the morning?
14	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
15	Mischaracterizes the time.
16	BY MR. SAUER:
17	Q. Or was that done at a different time?
18	MR. KIRSCHNER: Just for the clarity of
19	the record, counsel, it says 13:19.
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. Sorry. At 1:19 in the morning?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: In the morning or
23	afternoon?
24	BY MR. SAUER:
25	Q. Was it in the morning or the afternoon?

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1	Do you remember?
2	A. Thirteen is, I believe, the afternoon.
3	Q. Let me ask you this: Later that day,
4	then
5	A. Yeah.
6	Q on Friday, February 1st, did you
7	forward Lawrence Tabak the same
8	A. Yeah.
9	Q Nature Medicine article that you sent
10	to Hugh?
11	A. Yeah.
12	Q. Why?
13	A. I don't recall why, but likely I wanted to
14	make sure everyone was aware of what the discussions
15	were. Francis Collins, the director at the time of
16	the NIH, was on that phone call in the morning of
17	February 1st.
18	Q. But that phone call happened in the
19	morning to your recollection?
20	A. I believe it was in the morning.
21	Q. Are you sure it wasn't at 2:00 p.m.?
22	A. I don't recall.
23	Q. If your official calendar reflects a call
24	with Jeremy Farrar at 2:00 p.m. that day, that
25	Saturday, would you dispute that?

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- 1 A. You know, I don't recall when it was. If
- 2 my calendar says it was at 2:00 p.m., then likely it
- 3 was at 2:00 p.m. I don't recall.
- 4 Q. Was Mr. Tabak on that call?
- 5 A. I don't believe so. I know that
- 6 Francis Collins was. I don't believe that Larry was,
- 7 but he could have been.
- 8 Q. Were you sending it to him so that he
- 9 could give it to Francis Collins?
- 10 A. I don't recall. That is a possibility
- 11 that I would have done that.
- 12 Q. Had you discussed with Francis Collins
- 13 that day this concern about -- concern -- had you
- 14 discussed with Francis Collins that day the
- 15 possibility that NIAID had funded research in China?
- 16 A. I don't believe so. I -- I mean, that we
- 17 funded research in China? Well, everybody knows we
- 18 fund research in China.
- 19 Q. More specifically, had you discussed with
- 20 Francis Collins that day an issue that you may
- 21 have -- that NIAID may have funded
- 22 coronavirus-related research in China?
- 23 A. You know, I'm not sure exactly the point
- 24 you're making.
- 25 Q. I'm just asking if you discussed that

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1	issue with Francis Collins?
2	A. I don't recall
3	Q. Okay.
4	A to be honest with you.
5	Q. That's all I'm can you turn to the next
6	page? Do you see this e-mail exchange between you
7	and Hugh Auchincloss?
8	A. Yeah.
9	Q. Okay. What's the time of this e-mail?
10	17:51, is that 5:51 in the afternoon where you
11	sent
12	A. Yeah.
13	Q. And then you respond in the e-mail that he
14	sent you at 11:47 a.m. that morning; is that correct?
15	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I would ask if
16	you'd give Dr. Fauci a moment to familiarize himself
17	with this document prior to asking questions.
18	THE WITNESS: Okay. The paper you sent me
19	says the experiments were provided
20	^ (Witness reading to himself.)
21	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what that means
22	since
23	(Witness reading to himself.)
24	THE REPORTER: And, Dr. Fauci, I need you
25	to speak up.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm reading from an
- 2 e-mail from Hugh Auchincloss to me at 11:47 a.m. on
- 3 February 1st, 2020. And --
- 4 BY MR. SAUER:
- 5 Q. I'm not asking you to read the e-mail.
- 6 I'm just asking you to --
- 7 A. Okay. But she asked me to.
- 8 Q. I'm asking you to identify what time that
- 9 e-mail from Hugh was sent to you.
- 10 MR. KIRSCHNER: And, Counsel, I'm asking
- 11 you to give the witness an opportunity to familiarize
- 12 himself with this document.
- 13 THE WITNESS: And what's what I was
- 14 reading when you're telling me to read it out loud.
- 15 So let's get together here.
- 16 THE REPORTER: And if you read on the
- 17 record, I need you to speak up so that I can get it
- 18 on the record --
- 19 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'll keep my mouth
- 20 shut and read it silently so it's not on the record.
- Okay. What's the question, sir?
- 22 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. Hugh e-mailed you saying, "The paper you
- 24 sent me says the experience would perform before the
- 25 gain-of-function pause that have since been reviewed

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1	and approved by the NIH."
2	Do you know what he was referring to when
3	he said that?
4	A. I don't know exactly, but I'm assuming and
5	I think correctly, apropos of what I've been telling
6	you for the last several minutes, is that I wanted to
7	get a feel of the scope of what we were doing, and I
8	had mentioned to Hugh, I'm sure, "Hugh, I want to
9	know everything that's going on because I want to
10	make sure that I understand all of what our
11	involvement is in funding research in China."
12	And Hugh's response was he looked at it
13	and he said everything's been reviewed and approved
14	by NIH, and Emily, who is Emily Erbelding, is the
15	director of the Division of Microbiology and
16	Infectious Diseases, and she would have been the one
17	who was closest to the ground in understanding what
18	we were doing in funding China.
19	And it says, "Emily is sure that no
20	coronavirus work had gone through the P3 framework,
21	which means it did not rise to the level of concern
22	to get the extra approval of P3CO. She will try to
23	determine if we have any distant ties to this
24	work and above all of these sentences and
25	statements are compatible with what I mentioned to

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- 1 you a couple of times now is that this being the
- 2 first time I had heard of this, I wanted to be
- 3 briefed as to the extent of our involvement
- 4 with funding in China.
- 5 Q. Did you raise a specific concern with Hugh
- 6 about the possibility that the 2015 research paper
- 7 had been inconsistent with the gain-of-function
- 8 moratorium that was in place -- put in place in 2014?
- 9 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
- 10 Ambiguous.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Again, I'm sorry. Did --
- 12 did I --
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. Did you raise a specific concern with Hugh
- 15 that the research reflected in the Baric, Shi Nature
- 16 Medicine paper may have been inconsistent with the
- pause on --
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. -- gain-of-function funding research?
- 20 A. That is possible. As I've said, again,
- 21 very consistent with what I've been saying, I wanted
- 22 to make sure I had a good feel for the scope of what
- 23 we were doing regarding research that we fund in
- 24 China. Since that was not something that was on my
- 25 radar screen, and I will say so that you understand,

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- 1 this is a \$120,000 a year grant in a \$6.3 billion
- 2 portfolio. So --
- 3 Q. Above that on the e-mail you respond to
- 4 Hugh, "Okay, stay tuned." Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Stay tuned. Did you have any follow-up
- 7 communications with him about this?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Do you remember talking to Emily Erbelding
- 10 about it at all?
- 11 A. I don't recall. I don't -- I might have.
- 12 I don't -- I believe certainly that Hugh did. He
- 13 said he did on the e-mail. He said, Emily is sure
- 14 that no coronavirus work has gone through the P3
- 15 framework. Whether I specifically spoke to Emily, I
- 16 don't recall but Hugh certainly did.
- 17 Q. And Emily works for NIAID?
- 18 A. Emily is the director of the Division of
- 19 Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at NIAID.
- 20 Q. Can you turn the page one page in this
- 21 document?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. Do you see in the bottom part of this
- 24 page, there's an e-mail from Jeremy Farrar dated
- 25 February 1st, 2020, at 1524?

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1	A. Yeah.
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, Counsel, I would
3	ask you to give Dr. Fauci an opportunity to
4	familiarize himself with this document.
5	MR. SAUER:
6	Q. You see immediately below that
7	A. Yes.
8	Q where he says, "1st February, 2nd Feb
9	for Eddie"?
10	Is Eddie Eddie Holmes?
11	A. I believe it is. He is in Australia.
12	Q. So he would be a different date than
13	everyone else?
14	A. Right.
15	Q. And then he says, "Information and
16	discussion is shared in total confidence and not to
17	be shared until agreement on next steps."
18	Do you see that?
19	A. I do.
20	Q. Do you remember any discussions with
21	Jeremy Farrar about this call being kept in total
22	confidence?
23	A. I don't recall a discussion about
24	confidentiality or not, but I would imagine that
25	Jeremy and again, this is speculation I would

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- 1 imagine that Jeremy wanted to make sure, when you
- 2 have something that obviously has a degree of
- 3 sensitivity to it, that he didn't want people just
- 4 blathering about it without proper discussion first,
- 5 and I think that's what he meant, but that's
- 6 speculation on my part.
- 7 Q. Do you remember Jeremy saying anything
- 8 about that, keeping it in confidence at any time?
- 9 A. I don't recall, but it is certainly
- 10 possible that he said that. It's understandable that
- 11 he would say that.
- 12 Q. Did you ever say anything about keeping in
- 13 confidence to your recollection?
- 14 A. I may have. I don't recall.
- 15 THE COURT REPORTER: And Counsel, I would
- 16 remind you to slow down, please.
- 17 BY MR. SAUER:
- 18 Q. Can you just turn one page further? Do
- 19 you see there, the last text on that page, he's got a
- 20 list of participants on a call?
- 21 A. Yes. I see that.
- 22 Q. Do you know how these participants were
- 23 selected?
- 24 A. It was predominantly -- to my
- 25 recollection, it was predominantly Christian and

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- 1 Jeremy who made the selection of these people.
- 2 Q. Do you have any role in picking who would
- 3 participate in the call?
- 4 A. I don't believe I did. I felt that
- 5 Francis Collins should be on the call since he's the
- 6 director of NIH.
- 7 Q. And did you loop him in later?
- 8 A. I believe I did. I believe I sent him an
- 9 e-mail or somehow connected him with the pending
- 10 phone call.
- 11 Q. Who's Patrick Vallance at the bottom of
- 12 the list or valence?
- 13 A. Patrick Vallance is Sir Patrick Vallance,
- 14 who is the chief scientific -- or medical -- I
- 15 believe it's either one or the other -- I believe
- 16 it's the chief scientific officer who reports to the
- 17 prime minister of the United Kingdom.
- 18 Q. Is there anyone on this list who's
- 19 affiliated with government as opposed to being an
- 20 independent researcher?
- 21 A. You know, I don't know because many
- 22 scientists internationally have an affiliation with a
- 23 government. But looking at these names, I don't see
- 24 anybody there on this list that is known to me to be
- 25 affiliated with any government.

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1	Q. What is Jeremy Farrar's role?
2	A. Jeremy, at the time and I believe he
3	still is is the director or CEO or head I'm not
4	sure what the title is but he is the chief person
5	at the Wellcome Trust in the United Kingdom.
6	Q. Does the Wellcome Trust award grants for
7	funding scientific research?
8	A. Yes, they do.
9	Q. About how much do they award per year, do
10	you know?
11	A. I do not know.
12	Q. Is it a significant amount?
13	A. I guess so. I don't know for sure. I
14	would imagine it is it's a predominant
15	organization in the UK.
16	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, we've been going
17	for close to an hour and a half. How much longer on
18	this line of questioning?
19	MR. SAUER: Well, why don't we finish this
20	document. Are you okay?
21	MR. KIRSCHNER: Well, do you know how much
22	longer with this document?
23	MR. SAUER: Not long.
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: Okay.
25	BY MR. SAUER:

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1	Q. You testified earlier that on this call
2	I take it that this call actually occurred, didn't
3	it?
4	A. The call on Saturday I believe it was
5	February 1st did occur.
6	Q. And you testified earlier there was
7	scientific back and forth
8	A. Right.
9	Q among some of the participants?
10	A. Right.
11	Q. And they were discussing and debating, you
12	know, whether the virus had originated from a
13	laboratory as opposed to in nature; correct? Do you
14	remember anything that anybody said on the call?
15	A. No. The only thing I do remember is that
16	there was what appeared to me to be good faith
17	discussion back and forth between people who knew
18	each other, people who had interacted with each
19	other, so they had mutual respect for each other's
20	opinion.
21	I got that impression in listening and I
22	was in a total listening mode because, as I
23	mentioned, these were evolutionary virologists who
24	were talking about the specifics of what detail made
25	them suspicious that it could have been a

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- 1 manipulation and the other side would counter and
- 2 show that this is compatible with a natural evolution
- 3 and they were going back and forth. The tenure of it
- 4 ended that we need more time and I believe that in
- 5 one of the e-mails that you asked me about a little
- 6 bit ago that they said we need some time to more
- 7 carefully look at this to see if we can come to a
- 8 sound conclusion based on further examination of the
- 9 sequences.
- 10 Q. Was there concern expressed in the call
- 11 that people might, you know, express in the media or
- 12 social media conspiracy theories or anything like
- 13 that?
- 14 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vaque.
- 15 Ambiguous.
- 16 BY MR. SAUER:
- 17 Q. If you recall?
- 18 A. You know, I don't -- I don't recall
- 19 whether that was discussed. I believe there was some
- 20 concern after that. Just the mention of something
- 21 being manipulated could create a lot of buzz-buzz and
- 22 discussion, but I don't really recall anything
- 23 specifically that was said during the call about
- 24 this.
- 25 Q. Do you remember any discussion of people

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- 1 having concerns that expressions on social media that
- 2 the virus was originated in a lab might discredit
- 3 scientific funding projects?
- 4 A. I don't recall anything from that phone
- 5 call that said that.
- 6 Q. How about in this -- in this time period.
- 7 Is that something you ever discussed with Jeremy
- 8 Farrar?
- 9 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vaque.
- 10 Ambiguous.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if I discussed
- 12 it with Jeremy Farrar. I have a vague recollection
- 13 that there was concern about -- I don't think it had
- 14 anything to do with social media, but it was a
- 15 concern of diverting attention from the real task of
- 16 pursuing what needs to be pursued with this outbreak,
- 17 for the better good of the public health, a
- 18 distraction of some sort.
- 19 BY MR. SAUER:
- 20 Q. So are -- specifically, would the theory
- 21 that the virus escaped from a lab might be a
- 22 distraction from the response to the virus's spread?
- 23 A. No. I think the general feeling among the
- 24 participants on the call is that they wanted to get
- 25 down to the truth and not wild speculation about

things. They are scientists, highly regarded

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2	qualified evolutionary virologists, and they make as
3	their mantra always sticking with evidence and
4	sticking with data, and I believe there's always a
5	concern that when you throw speculations in that are
б	not based on data and evidence, that that's a
7	diversion from more proper things that should be
8	done.
9	I don't think there was any other concern
10	than sticking with the truth and sticking with data,

and part of the data would be to carefully look at

the virus in a careful measured way and to determine

- 13 whether or not the initial concern about the
- 14 molecular makeup upon further examination either
- 15 validated that concern or made it clear that that
- 16 concern was somewhat unwarranted, if not completely
- 17 unwarranted. That was the nature of the discussion.
- 18 Q. Was the consensus on the call, I think you
- 19 said earlier, that they needed more time
- 20 to investigate this possibility?
- 21 A. Right.

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- 22 Q. And was the plan at the end of the call to
- 23 take more time to investigate that possibility?
- A. The plan was to go and spend more time
- 25 carefully looking at it. That was the -- the sort of

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- 1 end conclusion that let's take a closer look at this,
- 2 and on taking a closer look, perhaps we can, you
- 3 know, come to a more evidence-and-fact-based
- 4 conclusion.
- 5 Q. Did they -- did they, in fact, do that?
- 6 Did they take more time and come to an
- 7 evidence-and-fact-based conclusion to your knowledge?
- 8 A. Oh, I believe that a few of -- Christian
- 9 and a few of the others carefully got together and
- 10 looked at it and examined the pros and the cons and
- 11 the ups and downs, and came to the conclusion that
- 12 their initial concern about the molecular basis of
- 13 the concern was unwarranted and that what they saw
- 14 was quite compatible and, in fact, suggestive of a
- 15 natural evolution.
- 16 Q. Did you have any further involvement after
- 17 the -- in this after the phone call? Like, were you
- 18 talking -- did you talk to people on this call later
- or were you included in e-mails about it after that?
- 20 A. Well, after that, I believe, at some time
- 21 later, a group of them -- I don't remember all of
- 22 them, but Christian was certainly one of them -- put
- 23 out a preprint, I believe, with that statement that
- 24 was subsequently followed by a manuscript in which
- 25 they laid out the molecular basis of why they felt

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- 1 this was more likely to be compatible with a natural
- 2 evolution.
- 3 Q. During that time period, did you have any
- 4 other involvement in this issue? Did you have any
- 5 other communications related to it with any of these
- 6 people?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vaque.
- 8 Ambiguous.
- 9 THE WITNESS: When you say "involvement,"
- 10 could you be more specific?
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. Well, did you have any -- let me ask you
- 13 this: Did you have any communications after the
- 14 Saturday, February 1st, phone call that you just
- described, from that time period until a preprint was
- 16 published of their study, did you have any other
- discussions or communications with any of the people
- 18 on the call about this issue of the virus?
- 19 A. You know, I had not recalled that until, I
- 20 believe, in questions that were asked in letters that
- 21 came in from Congress and others that they may
- 22 have -- and I believe they did -- send
- 23 Francis Collins and I a preprint of the article that
- 24 came to the conclusion that the molecular
- 25 configuration of the virus was clearly compatible

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1	with a natural occurrence.
2	Q. Do you recall any communications with
3	Jeremy Farrar after that phone call?
4	A. You know, I don't. It is certainly
5	possible, but I don't specifically remember any
6	communications with Jeremy about that. But, you
7	know, Jeremy and I know each other reasonably well.
8	I would not be surprised if we did, but I don't
9	specifically recall a communication related to the
10	subject at question.
11	MR. SAUER: That's my last question on
12	this exhibit. Do you want to take a pause now?
13	MR. KIRSCHNER: Yeah. If if it's
14	9:37, if that works for Dr. Fauci?
15	THE WITNESS: Yeah, a short short
16	break. I'm good.
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 9:38 a.m.,
18	and we're going off the record.
19	(Recess.)
20	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 9:50 a.m.,
21	and we're back on the record.
22	BY MR. SAUER:
23	Q. Dr. Fauci, you're being handed
24	Exhibit 7
25	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 7 was marked for

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- 1 identification.)
- 2 BY MR. SAUER:
- 3 O. -- which is a collection of e-mails that
- 4 were produced pursuant to FOIA. On the front page
- 5 here just at the very top, there's an e-mail from you
- 6 to Jeremy and Christian Anderson; correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And it says, "Jeremy, Collins," and
- 9 there's a huge redaction of everything you said.
- 10 "Best regards, Tony." Do you see that?
- 11 A. I do.
- 12 Q. Do you have any recollection of what
- you're talking about in this e-mail?
- 14 A. No, I don't. I don't recall.
- 15 O. Okay. Flip ahead four page -- to the
- 16 fourth page. There's an e-mail from Jeremy Farrar to
- 17 you on January 30th saying, "Tony, perfect timing.
- 18 Thank you. Great to catch up"; correct?
- 19 A. Yeah, the January 30th at 7:13 a.m.?
- 20 Q. Right.
- 21 A. Yeah. "Tony, perfect timing. Thank you.
- 22 Great to catch up."
- 23 Q. And you responded, "Thanks, Jeremy. Great
- 24 chatting with you and Patrick. Will stay in close
- 25 touch" --

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1	A. Right.
2	Q correct?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. Do you recall and I guess this would be
5	two days before that Saturday conference call we
6	talked about?
7	A. Yeah.
8	Q. Did you have a phone call with
9	Patrick Vallance and a Jeremy Farrar on on that
10	day?
11	A. Well, I don't recall it, but it says here
12	in an e-mail from me to Jeremy on January 30th,
13	"Great chatting with you and Patrick." So I assume I
14	did, but I don't recall that that
15	Q. Do you know why you said, "We'll stay in
16	close touch"?
17	A. No, I don't recall.
18	Q. Do you remember what you-all you,
19	Jeremy, and Patrick may have said to each other on
20	that phone call?
21	A. No, I really don't recall that. I mean,
22	obviously it happened because I I refer to it in
23	the e-mail, but I don't recall that, no.
24	Q. Can you can you flip ahead? So we're

going to go one, two, three, four, five, six, seven,

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eight, nine more pages to a page that has an e-mail

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2	from Jeremy to you on February 1st saying "could you
3	join" at the top?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Correct?
6	A. I see that.
7	Q. And is this Jeremy inviting you to the
8	conference call that would happen later that day?
9	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
10	BY MR. SAUER:
11	Q. If you recall?
12	A. Yeah. It looks that way. I mean, I know
13	we had a conference call on February the 1st, and

- Jeremy in this e-mail is saying "can you join," and
- 15 the names on the list are the names that were on the
- 16 call. So I would imagine it's quite reasonable to
- 17 assume that this is the invitation to join the call.
- 18 Q. Lower -- yeah. Lower down in Jeremy's
- e-mail close to -- close to the bottom, about four
- lines up from the bottom, he says, "My preference is
- 21 to keep this a really tight group."
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know why that was his preference?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.

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1 THE WITNESS: You know, I don't really know why. I think -- I mean, I -- I could speculate 2 3 as to why that -- when you have too large a group --4 BY MR. SAUER: 5 To be clear, I'm not asking you to Q. 6 speculate. I'm just asking if you know. 7 example, did he tell you why he wanted it to be a 8 really tight group --9 No, he didn't tell me why, but I can -- I 10 can gather why if you're not interested in hearing 11 it --12 Q. What do you gather? What do you gather? 13 THE REPORTER: And please slow down, you 14 quys. 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'll slow down. Ι 16 said --BY MR. SAUER: 17 18 0. What do you gather? 19 My knowledge of meetings of this sort is Α. that when you want to get something done and you have 20 21 a task to do, that if you have a really large group 22 of people -- like, I've been on conference calls where there's 50 people on the call and nothing gets 23 done -- I believe, and I think it's a reasonable 24 25 assumption, that if you want to have a working group

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- 1 to have a serious discussion, you don't want to have
- 2 a hundred people on the call. You want to make it --
- 3 and I think that's -- I think that's what Jeremy was
- 4 referring to was he said, "I want to make it a tight
- 5 group."
- 6 Q. And then four lines lower he says,
- 7 "obviously" -- "obviously ask everyone to treat in
- 8 total confidence"; correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you know why it was obvious that it
- should be treated in total confidence?
- 12 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- 13 answered. Also speculative.
- 14 BY MR. SAUER:
- 15 Q. If you know. Why is that obvious?
- 16 A. Well, my speculation is that what
- 17 Jeremy meant is that when you're dealing with
- 18 something in which there is a suspicion of something
- 19 that would have great consequences but there's no
- 20 real evidence that it is, that you want to make sure
- 21 that you don't all of a sudden have a lot of people
- 22 talking about something based on no evidence.
- 23 So I think that's what he meant is until
- 24 we can get together and seriously discuss it, let's
- 25 not just make it widely disseminated.

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1	Q. So he didn't like
2	A. I believe that's what he said, but I I
3	don't know.
4	Q. Do you know if he wanted Dr. Anderson to
5	not share his concerns about the origins of the virus
6	potentially being from a lab with anyone else?
7	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
8	Vague.
9	THE WITNESS: No. I believe based on what
10	the purpose of the call was to rather than be at the
11	level of speculation about something that may or may
12	not have been engineered, that we first get a group
13	of highly qualified international evolutionary
14	virologists to discuss it first before people on the
15	outside who have no knowledge of evolutionary
16	virology start wildly speculating about things.
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. Can you flip ahead a few pages so the page
19	you're on we're going to go ahead one, two,

- 23 Do you see that?
- A. Are you on the page, the top line says,

three, four, five and then the sixth page, an e-mail

from you -- from Jeremy Farrar to you and Francis

25 "From Jeremy Farrar, sent Saturday, 1st of February

Collins.

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1	at 13:27"?
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: I apologize. I'm not on
3	the right page then.
4	THE WITNESS: You got it.
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Yep.
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. Farrar has responded "Excellent" to an
8	e-mail from you where you said "Jeremy, Francis will
9	be on the call. He is trying to phone you."
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I think we're on
11	two different pages. Dr. Fauci referred to a page
12	with a sub line re: Conference details. And you're
13	referring
14	BY MR. SAUER:
15	Q. Can you turn more pages?
16	A. Two more forward? Two more forward?
17	Q. Yeah.
18	A. Teleconference, re teleconference.
19	Q. Yeah. And Jeremy responded "Excellent" to
20	your e-mail saying, "Francis, Jeremy will be on the
21	call. He is trying to phone you"?
22	A. Right.
23	Q. Correct?
24	A. Correct.
25	Q. Do you recall discussing talking to

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1	Francis Collins about getting involved in the
2	conference call?
3	A. I don't specifically recall, but
4	certainly, it was my intention of making sure that
5	the director of the NIH was on the call. And given
6	what I said in the e-mail at 15:48 to Jeremy, I said,
7	"Francis will be on the call. He's trying to call
8	he's trying to phone you."
9	I mean, obviously that is totally
10	consistent with my having spoken to Francis and
11	saying, "Francis, you should be on a call. Why don't
12	you check with Jeremy to get some feel about what the
13	call is going to be about."
14	Q. Do you know if they talked to each other?
15	A. I don't know for sure whether they did.
16	Q. Can you start with that page you're on and
17	flip ahead a few pages? So one, two, three, four,
18	five, six, seven, eight, nine. And then you're on
19	the tenth page?
20	A. And what's the top line?
21	Q. At the top, it should say From Dr. Fauci,
22	Anthony, sent Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 20:30?
23	A. Yeah. And the subject is teleconference.
24	Q. Okay?
25	A. All right.

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1	Q. And immediately below your e-mail saying,
2	"Yes," there's an e-mail from Jeremy Farrar sent to
3	you, Francis Collins, Patrick Vallance, and Mike
4	Ferguson; correct?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Who's Mike Ferguson?
7	A. You know, I should know. I don't know.
8	I've heard that name before, but I don't know who he
9	is. He was one of the I believe he was one of the
10	people on the call. Name is familiar, but, you know,
11	I probably should know who he is, but I don't.
12	Q. Okay. So Jeremy e-mailed to that smaller
13	group of people, "Can I suggest we shut down the call
14	and then redial just for five to ten minutes";
15	correct?
16	A. Yes.
17	O. And you responded "yes": correct?

- 17 Q. And you responded "yes"; correct?
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. Did that happen -- did Jeremy shut down
- 20 the call?
- 21 A. You know, I don't recall.
- 22 Q. Do you know why Jeremy was wanting to have
- 23 the call paused for a minute and floated it only to
- 24 a small group of participants in the call?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.

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1 THE WITNESS: No, I -- I don't remember --2 I don't remember shutting down a call, actually. 3 BY MR. SAUER: 4 Do you remember Jeremy talking to you and 0. 5 Dr. Collins during the course of the call? 6 Α. No, I can't recall that. 7 Can you flip ahead one, two, three, four, 0. 8 five pages? 9 The top is Jeremy Farrar, 2020, 19:09? Α. 10 And you see it's the same list of Q. Yes. 11 participants, Francis Collins, you, and Patrick Vallance and Mike Ferguson; correct? 12 13 MR. KIRSCHNER: I apologize. I'm lost 14 myself on this. What's the top e-mail? 15 THE WITNESS: The top e-mail is Jeremy 16 Farrar, Saturday, 1st of February, 2020, 19:09. BY MR. SAUER: 17 18 Q. I'm not on that one. Mine is 2013. 19 you turn two more pages? Two more forward? 20 Α. 2.1 Yeah. Q. 2.2 MR. KIRSCHNER: I'd just ask counsel to 23 identify the time when the --24 THE WITNESS: Okay. The one that says 25 Jeremy Farrar, teleconference 2013; right?

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- 1 BY MR. SAUER:
- 2 Q. Do you remember if Francis Collins
- 3 responded to that e-mail about shutting down the
- 4 conference call?
- 5 A. No. I do not recall. I just don't recall
- 6 anything about shutting down a conference call.
- 7 Q. Okay. Can you turn three more pages to an
- 8 e-mail at 22-06-26?
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. And this is an e-mail chain between you,
- 11 Jeremy, and Francis Collins; correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Counsel, I would please ask if you can let
- 14 Dr. Fauci familiarize himself with the document as
- you're asking questions?
- 16 MR. SAUER: If he knows, he can answer the
- 17 questions. If he wants to familiarize, he can ask
- 18 for it.
- 19 BY MR. SAUER:
- 20 Q. If you go down halfway through the page,
- 21 there's an e-mail from Francis Collins to you and
- 22 Jeremy; correct?
- 23 A. Let me look at it.
- 24 Q. Labeled at 2050?
- 25 A. Right. Yes, I see that.

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1	Q. It says, "Hi, Jeremy. I can make myself
2	available at any time, 24/7, for the call with
3	Tedros"; correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. Do you know who Tedros is?
6	A. Tedros is the director general of the
7	World Health Organization.
8	Q. So there was a plan to have a call with
9	the director general of the World Health Organization
10	at this time?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. Do you remember that plan?
13	A. What I do recall from the discussion on
14	the call was that we needed to notify various
15	relevant people as to the fact that this was being
16	looked into. One of the obvious relevant people
17	would be the director of the World Health
18	Organization.
19	Q. Do you specifically remember a plan
20	between you, Francis, and Jeremy to contact
21	Dr. Tedros?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
23	Mischaracterizes evidence and speculative.
24	THE WITNESS: I know that there was a
25	discussion about contacting Tedros. That

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- 1 responsibility was not put on me. I believe it was
- 2 predominantly -- I'm not 100 percent certain, but I
- 3 think with some degree -- I wouldn't say certainty,
- 4 but I tend to believe it was Jeremy's responsibility
- 5 to be the one to contact and reach out to Tedros and
- 6 explain to him what these deliberations were.
- 7 BY MR. SAUER:
- 8 Q. I'm going to give you a another document
- 9 marked Exhibit 8.
- 10 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 8 was marked for
- 11 identification.)
- 12 MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, do you have
- 13 copies for us?
- 14 BY MR. SAUER:
- 15 Q. Do you recall communicating -- before you
- look at the document, do you recall having any
- 17 communication with Dr. Tedros about the concerns that
- 18 were raised in --
- 19 A. No. I don't recall having any
- 20 communications directly, or even indirectly, with
- 21 Tedros.
- 22 Q. Did you have any input on, you know,
- 23 having the World Health Organization get involved in
- 24 this issue of any kind?
- 25 A. I don't specifically recall. But one of

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- 1 the theme and the spirit of the discussion on the
- 2 phone call on February 9th, either before or after or
- 3 during the phone call, was that it would be important
- 4 to alert, or let in at least to the discussions,
- 5 important individuals, including the director general
- 6 of WHO.
- 7 O. Can you look at this Exhibit 8 that's in
- 8 front of you, and with this one, can we start at the
- 9 back starting at the last page can you turn one page
- 10 forward to the second-to-last page?
- 11 MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, as I've objected
- 12 beforehand, I would please let the witness have an
- 13 opportunity to familiarize himself with this document
- 14 prior to asking questions.
- THE WITNESS: So I'm looking at something
- 16 that says "von an" -- this is, I guess, a German "to"
- 17 and "from."
- 18 BY MR. SAUER:
- 19 Q. I think so. Are you on the second-to-last
- 20 page of the document?
- 21 A. I think so. The one that has "von,"
- 22 Jeremy Farrar. And "an," Fauci, Vallance, CC:
- 23 Dorsten, Coopman --
- 24 Q. Those are the participants in the call
- 25 there in the cc line.

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A. Right.	1	A.	Right.
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- 2 Q. Down there, second-to-last paragraph,
- 3 there's a one-sentence paragraph there that begins
- 4 there in Jeremy Farrar's e-mail, "I do know there are
- 5 papers being prepared."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. "I know there are papers being prepared.
- 8 There will be media interest and there already is
- 9 chat on Twitter and WeChat."
- 10 Q. And Twitter and WeChat are social media
- 11 platforms; correct?
- 12 A. Yes, I quess so. I don't know about
- 13 WeChat, but I know what Twitter is. I don't know.
- 14 O. You don't know what WeChat is?
- 15 A. I don't do social media so I'm not
- 16 familiar with them.
- 17 O. Is that a Chinese-based social media
- 18 platform?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 O. Okay. Do you remember Jeremy raising
- 21 concerns about the chat on Twitter and WeChat or
- 22 other social media platforms about the virus's
- 23 **origins?**
- A. No. I'm not -- this is not ringing a bell
- 25 with me.

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1	Q. Well, let me ask you this: Did you ever							
2	have concerns about what people might be saying on							
3	social media about the virus's origin?							
4	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Ambiguous.							
5	THE WITNESS: You know, I'm so dissociated							
6	from social media. I don't have a Twitter account.							
7	I don't do Facebook. I don't do any of that, so I'm							
8	not familiar with that. I've never gotten involved							
9	in any of that.							
10	BY MR. SAUER:							
11	Q. Do you know anyone who works for a social							
12	media platform?							
13	A. Do I know somebody who works for a social							
14	media platform.							
15	Q. Or at this time?							
16	A. Well, I've had communications with							
17	Mark Zuckerberg in the past who was I've done, I							
18	believe, three outward FaceTime discussions							
19	encouraging people to get vaccinated.							
20	Q. Do you know anyone else who works for a							
21	social media platform other than Mark Zuckerberg?							
22	A. When you say do I know somebody who works?							
23	Q. Like, do you have acquaintances, people							
24	that you know, who work at social media platforms?							
25	A. Well, a person who used to work as a							

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1	software e	ngineer for Twitter was my daughter.					
2	Q.	Oh, your daughter worked for Twitter?					
3	Α.	She used to, yes.					
4	Q.	Did you ever when she was working at					
5	Twitter, d	id you ever discuss with her the content of					
6	stuff posted on social media platforms?						
7	Α.	No.					
8	Q.	Did you ever discuss with her the origins					
9	of the virus or concerns about the origins of the						
10	virus?						
11	Α.	No, she has no interest in that.					
12	Q.	Was she what was her role in Twitter?					
13	Α.	I believe she was a software engineer.					
14	Q.	Does she still work at Twitter?					
15	Α.	No.					
16	Q.	When did she stop?					
17	Α.	Over a year ago.					
18	Q.	Do you know anyone else who works at a					
19	social med	ia platform					
20	Α.	No.					
21	Q.	other than Mark Zuckerberg and your					
22	daughter?						
23		THE REPORTER: Please slow down.					
24		THE WITNESS: Do I know anyone else who					
25	works at a	social media platform? To my knowledge,					

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1	no, I think I mean, I have done a number of
2	podcasts and interviews on Instagram, but I don't
3	think those people work for a social media platform.
4	I mean, I've done Instagrams with
5	Steph Curry Steph Curry. I don't think he works
6	for a media. He's a basketball player. But he uses
7	his his Instagram account to get me to talk with
8	him about encouraging people to get vaccinated.
9	Q. Can you go back to that exhibit in front
10	of you, Exhibit 8? We're on the second-to-last page.
11	Can you flip forward two pages, and on the top there,
12	there's another e-mail from Jeremy Farrar beginning
13	"My view is completely neutral on this."
14	Do you see that?
15	MR. KIRSCHNER: Dr. Fauci, I think it's
16	the page before.
17	THE WITNESS: This one?
18	MR. KIRSCHNER: No, I think you jumped too
19	much.
20	THE WITNESS: I jumped too much?
21	MR. KIRSCHNER: No, it's this page, I
22	think. Oh, nope. I was wrong. Sorry.
23	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Just hold on for
24	a second. "My view is completely" yeah, I got it.
25	I'm on the right page.

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1	BY MR. SAUER:						
2	Q. And that next line below that, do you see						
3	where Jeremy says, "I do know these questions are						
4	being asked by politicians citing ^ starting the						
5	scientific literature and certainly on social and						
6	mainstream media."						
7	Do you see that?						
8	A. Yeah. (Reading to himself.)						
9	Q. Do you see that?						
10	A. Let me finish reading it. One second.						
11	But who's the e-mail to? I'm sorry. Is						
12	this						
13	Q. I'm just curious if you remember						
14	Jeremy raising concerns about expressions on social						
15	5 media about the origins of the virus in this time						
16	frame?						
17	A. I don't I don't recall anything about						
18	social media. I think Jeremy and I believe he						
19	says it really very well here that what he was						
20	afraid of that people would be speculating and						
21	blaming people, blaming the Chinese, and and that						
22	only will increase tensions and reduce cooperation						
23	which is necessary to really continue to pursue what						
24	actually happened in order to prepare for and prevent						
25	similar things from happening in the future.						

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- 1 And I think if you look at the e-mail, he
- 2 says, "A respected body convening a group now to
- 3 consider the evolutionary origins with an open mind,
- 4 neutral, and in a transparent way could prevent wild
- 5 claims being made." I think it was Jeremy trying to
- 6 be the honest broker and saying let's do this
- 7 properly.
- Q. And he's prepare -- he was concerned about
- 9 wild claims being made on traditional and social
- 10 media. Is that how you read it?
- 11 A. Well, I guess so. I mean, I -- let me see
- 12 if he says "social media" here. Like I said, I'm
- 13 kind of dissociated from social media. I don't -- I
- 14 don't even know how to access a tweet.
- 15 Q. Were you ever concerned about what people
- 16 would be saying on social media about the origins of
- 17 the virus?
- 18 A. I'm concerned about, you know, there being
- 19 misinformation or disinformation that would
- 20 interfere with our trying to save the lives of people
- 21 throughout the world, which happens when people
- 22 spread false claims.
- 23 Q. Including about the origins of the virus
- 24 specifically?
- 25 A. I mean, I think that there's a lot of

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- 1 discussions about the origins of the virus, and we've
- 2 got to keep an open mind about that.
- 3 O. You mention that you're concerned about
- 4 misinformation and disinformation about the virus
- 5 spreading?
- 6 A. No, I didn't say that.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. That's not what I said.
- 9 Q. What'd you say?
- 10 A. I said misinformation and disinformation,
- 11 and misinformation can be that Bill Gates and I put a
- 12 chip in the vaccine which prevents people from
- 13 getting vaccinated and perhaps leads to their losing
- 14 their lives. That's what I get concerned about as a
- 15 physician and a scientist, that misinformation and/or
- 16 disinformation can lead to loss of life, and I'm a
- 17 physician and that troubles me.
- 18 Q. And it troubles you that those kinds of
- 19 claims are being made on social media in particular?
- 20 A. I didn't mention social media.
- 21 **Q.** Does it?
- 22 A. I mean, that's part of the way information
- 23 is disseminated.
- 24 Q. Can you take the page that's in front of
- you, and we're going to turn forward five more pages.

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1 So we're really on the second page of the document 2 now. 3 Second page. Okay. Moving forward. Α. 4 On the middle of that page, do you see an Q. 5 e-mail from you on Sunday, 2nd February 2020, at 15:30? 6 7 "Jeremy, sorry I took so long." Is that Α. 8 it? 9 That's the one, yeah. Q. 10 You say here in that second sentence --11 Α. Right. 12 -- "Like all of us, I do not know how this Q. 13 evolved"? 14 Α. Right. 15 Do you see that? 0. 16 Α. Where I say, "And so many people and the 17 threat of further distortions on social media, " yeah. 18 Q. Yeah. Were you concerned about the 19 further distortions on social media --20 Α. Well --2.1 -- the day after the conference call? Q. 2.2 I guess I was. I said it here in the 23 e-mail that I was concerned about the further distortions. 24 25 What -- what distortions on social media 0.

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1	were you concerned about? Was that the people								
2	expressing								
3	A. Wild wild speculations and accusations,								
4	you know, blaming the Chinese and talking about their								
5	deliberately or accidentally which certainly is a								
6	possibility. There was no evidence of that at the								
7	time, and that's what I was concerned about. And I								
8	think we were all concerned about that because if you								
9	put this e-mail juxtaposed against the statement of								
10	Jeremy about wanting to have a situation where we get								
11	down to the truth and people in good faith trying to								
12	figure out what was going on, certainly there are								
13	distortions on social media. Social media says I put								
14	a chip into the vaccine so that I can monitor people.								
15	That's a distortion.								
16	Q. In that same in that same e-mail, if								
17	you look down there, you go on to say immediately								
18	after the reference to further distortions on social								
19	media, and you say, "It's essential that we move								
20	quickly."								
21	Do you see that?								
22	A. Right.								
23	Q. And then "Hopefully we can get the WHO to								
24	convene"; correct?								
25	A. Right.								

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1	Q. Do you know what you were talking about							
2	there? What were you							
3	A. I'm talking about getting down to the							
4	facts because when the facts come out, that counters							
5	distortions wherever that distortion is, speaking							
6	here or on social media or in any way, and what I was							
7	referring to is that we've got to get WHO to convene							
8	an unbiased body of people to try and thoroughly							
9	examine the information so we can get to the truth,							
10	and when you get to the truth quickly and I said,							
11	"It is essential that we move quickly."							
12	Q. Did that happen							
13	A. And when the truth comes quickly, then you							
14	can avert and avoid distortions when you don't have							
15	the information out.							
16	Q. Did that happen? Was there actually a							
17	group convened by the WHO?							
18	A. You know, I'm not sure where that went							
19	quite frankly.							
20	Q. Did you have any further involvement in							
21	that suggestion?							
22	A. I think we all felt we should get the WHO							
23	involved since that's the natural organization when							
24	you have something that has international							
25	implications.							

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1	Q.	Ιf	you	look	in	the	e-mail	above	Jeremy	'ន

- 2 response to you and Francis Collins, it says, "Tedros
- 3 and Bernard have apparently gone into conclave."
- 4 Who is Tedros?
- 5 A. Tedros is the director general of the WHO.
- 6 Q. And who is Bernard?
- 7 A. I don't know his last name. I do know,
- 8 but I keep forgetting. Bernard, it's a German last
- 9 name. Bernard is one of the high ranking officials
- 10 at WHO, I believe, if it's the same Bernard that I'm
- 11 thinking of. There is a Bernard, and I'm
- 12 embarrassed that I forgot his last name, but if this
- is the Bernard who I think it is, it is a close
- 14 senior associate of Tedros.
- 15 Q. What does it mean when they say they have
- 16 gone into conclave? Does that mean they are
- 17 unavailable?
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 19 speculative -- speculation.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I have no idea where
- 21 they'd go.^ I -- I would never use a terminology
- 22 "I'm going into conclave." I wouldn't know what that
- 23 means.
- 24 BY MR. SAUER:
- 25 Q. He goes -- Jeremy goes on to say, "They

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- 1 need to decide today, in my view."
- 2 Do you know what he's -- what he -- what
- 3 are they supposed to decide that day?
- 4 A. I do not know what they were supposed to
- 5 decide.
- 6 Q. Can you -- and then he goes on to say, "If
- 7 they do prevaricate, I would appreciate a call with
- 8 you later tonight or tomorrow to think how we might
- 9 take forward"; correct?
- 10 A. Boy, Jeremy must have been having a bad
- 11 day. He's using words like conclave and prevaricate.
- 12 I don't even know what he's talking about.
- Q. Well, let me ask you this: Was there a
- 14 discussion of having a follow-up call with you and
- 15 Jeremy and Francis Collins about what steps you would
- 16 take if the WHO didn't convene a group to study the
- virus's origins?
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
- 19 Mischaracterizes the evidence. Assumes evidence not
- 20 in the record.
- 21 BY MR. SAUER:
- 22 Q. Was there any follow-up call between you,
- 23 Jeremy Farrar, and Francis Collins?
- 24 A. I don't think so. I know that my feeling
- 25 at the time was that Jeremy was going to take the

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- 1 bull and run with it regarding getting the
- 2 WHO involved. And my involvement or input into the
- 3 WHO I think diminished if not stopped at that time.
- 4 So I really would doubt that there was any
- 5 further communication between me and the WHO about
- 6 this. This was fundamentally Jeremy's lane, if you
- 7 want to call it that.
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. Can you turn to the first page of this
- 10 document? Another e-mail from Jeremy. This one
- 11 copies you, Dr. Tedros, Francis Collins, and Bernard
- 12 Shortlander?
- 13 A. That's him. Shortlander. We got it.
- 14 Q. Down in -- you see a list of bullet points
- in this e-mail from Jeremy?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Are -- okay. And about halfway down,
- 18 there's a bullet point that says, "Gathering interest
- 19 evidence in the science literature and in mainstream
- 20 and social media to questions of the origins of the
- 21 virus."
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware of Jeremy discussing with
- 25 the WHO the concern that there be social media

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1	discussion of the origins of the virus?
2	A. I have no recollection or information
3	about Jeremy's discussions with the WHO involving
4	anything including social media. And I see this here
5	in an e-mail, but I I really have no additional
6	further information about Jeremy's gathering interest
7	evidence in the science literature regarding the
8	origin, no.
9	Q. You're being handed another document
10	marked Exhibit 9.
11	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 9 was marked for
12	<pre>identification.)</pre>
13	BY MR. SAUER:
14	Q. Do you see the second page of this
15	document?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. You've got an e-mail there at the top to
18	Francis Collins and Jeremy Farrar where you say,
19	"Agree. Very thoughtful summary and analysis. We
20	really need to get WHO moving on getting the
21	convening started." Correct?
22	A. Right.
23	Q. Why did you say that to Jeremy and Francis
24	Collins?
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Again, I would

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- 1 ask that Dr. Fauci have an opportunity to familiarize
- 2 himself with this document.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm looking at this
- 4 e-mail and it says, "Agree, very thoughtful summary
- 5 and analysis." And I don't recall what that summary
- 6 and analysis was. I get hundreds, if not thousands,
- 7 of documents thrown in front of me. I don't recall.
- 8 So I said, "I agree, very thoughtful summary and
- 9 analysis." But I don't recall today what that
- 10 summary and analysis was.
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. Can you look at the page before the first
- 13 page of the document?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Here's an e-mail from Eddie Holmes to
- 16 Jeremy Farrar; correct?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. "And here's our summary so far. It will
- 19 be edited further." Correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Was this a summary of the paper they were
- 22 drafting as a result of the conference call?
- 23 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 24 speculation.
- 25 BY MR. SAUER:

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1	Q. If you know?
2	A. I do not know what the summary was for,
3	whether it was a summary of the discussion at the
4	meeting, or whether it was the summary of what the
5	deliberations were following the meeting. I really
б	don't know.
7	Q. He goes on to say in the next line, "It's
8	fundamental science and completely neutral as
9	written"; correct?
10	A. That's what he says.
11	Q. And then he says, "Did not mention other
12	anomalies as this will make us look like loons."
13	Do you see that?
14	A. Yeah.
15	Q. Do you know what he's referring to?
16	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
17	speculation.
18	BY MR. SAUER:
19	Q. Do you know?
20	A. I do not know what he is referring to.
21	Q. Were anomalies in the virus discussed on
22	that call that you participated in on February 1st?
23	A. You know, I'm not really sure what you
24	mean by the word "anomalies." It could mean a number
25	of things. Unusual observations about the virus.

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1	I'm not really sure. I really don't understand very
2	well what Eddie was referring to when he wrote this
3	e-mail to Jeremy, so
4	Q. Were you e-mailed drafts of a paper that
5	Eddie prepared as a result of that meeting?
6	A. I was Francis and I got I believe
7	I'm trying to recall accurately, but it's I think
8	this is the case. I'm not 100 percent sure that
9	we were given copies of a draft of a manuscript at
10	some point that was very fundamentally evolutionary
11	virology, which is not my lane.
12	So I remember getting a paper looking at
13	it. I don't believe I had any substantive comments
14	on it, just by reading it. Because that's not my
15	lane, evolutionary virology.
16	Q. Can you look at this next document which
17	we've marked Exhibit 10?
18	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 10 was marked for
19	<pre>identification.)</pre>
20	MR. KIRSCHNER: I wanted to make a
21	standing objection that these documents that are
22	being marked as exhibits are merging a lot of
23	documents together and we have I object to the
24	extent that this is mischaracterizing the record by
25	putting documents together that may or may not be
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- 1 together, and I just want to say there's been several
- 2 exhibits along these lines, including Exhibit 10.
- 3 BY MR. SAUER:
- 4 Q. Can you look at the second page of Exhibit
- 5 **10, Dr. Fauci?**
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. And this is an e-mail chain on Tuesday,
- 8 February 4th, between you, Francis Collins, and
- 9 Jeremy Farrar; correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. At the bottom of the e-mail of this page,
- 12 the e-mail from you says, "Question mark, question
- mark, serial passage in ACE2 transgenic mice."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, I ask that you give
- 16 Dr. Fauci an opportunity to familiarize himself with
- 17 this document.
- THE WITNESS: Well, I'm not sure --
- 19 there's so many different things going on here, I'm
- 20 not sure what anybody is referring to here.
- 21 BY MR. SAUER:
- 22 Q. Do you know what you're referring to? Do
- you remember referring to serial passage in ACE2
- transgenic mice in connection with that call?
- 25 A. No.

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1	Q. Do you know what that phrase means?
2	A. Serial passage means you sequentially
3	passage a virus in mice; right?
4	Q. In other words, is that another way of
5	having the virus gain function?
б	A. It's possible. You could decrease
7	function, you could gain function. You could do any
8	of a number of things. And I don't recall or
9	remember why or even to what I was even referring
10	when I said, "Question mark, question mark, serial
11	passage in ACE2 transgenic mice."
12	I don't recall that at all.
13	Q. Jeremy responded, "Exactly" and then
14	further up, Francis Collins says, "Surely that
15	wouldn't be done in a BSL-2 lab, question mark.
16	Do you see that?
17	A. Right.
18	Q. Do you know why Francis Collins raised
19	that issue?
20	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
21	speculation.
22	THE WITNESS: I don't know why he did it
23	because I don't know the context in which he's
24	talking. I would imagine if Francis is saying if
25	you're going to do in vivo studies with a virus that

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- 1 might have some danger to it, that you would want to
- 2 do it in a higher level of containment, but I
- 3 don't -- I have to say I don't know what they're
- 4 talking about on these e-mails, and it doesn't ring a
- 5 bell with me at all.
- 6 BY MR. SAUER:
- 7 O. Do you know whether that the -- whether
- 8 the research that was done by Peter Daszak and Shi
- 9 Zhengli in the Wuhan Institute of Virology was done
- 10 at a BSL-2 safety level?
- 11 A. When you're dealing with pseudo viruses
- 12 and in vitro things, it is generally done in a BSL-2.
- 13 Q. So is serial passage in ACE2 transgenic
- 14 mice generally done at BSL-2?
- 15 A. Well, it depends. Each different country,
- 16 I believe, has their own level of restrictions about
- 17 where -- at what level of restriction a particular
- 18 experiment is done, in general.
- 19 And again, I'm hesitant to go there
- 20 because that's not my area of expertise. But in
- 21 general, when you're dealing with the situation where
- 22 you need to take extra precautions in an in vivo
- 23 experiment, that you would do it in a BSL-3. But
- 24 again, having said that, I am not sure of what the
- 25 connection between these different e-mails are

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1	referring to.
2	Q. Above that, it says, "Wild West" and
3	that's from the e-mail from Jeremy in response to
4	Francis; correct?
5	A. Right.
6	Q. Did Jeremy have an understanding that
7	to do the kind of research being referred to
8	A. Right.
9	Q at BSL-2
10	A. Right. Yeah.
11	Q safety conditions would be the Wild
12	West?
13	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
14	speculation.
15	THE WITNESS: I actually don't know what
16	Jeremy is referring to when he says, "Wild West."
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. Did you have concerns about
19	performing gain-of-function research on viruses in
20	BSL-2 conditions?
21	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Ambiguous.
22	THE WITNESS: No. You're a using the term
23	gain-of-function which as I mentioned earlier in the
24	discussion has such a broad range of interpretation
25	that you would have to specifically tell me what

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1 experiment you're referring to. BY MR. SAUER: 2. 3 How about the experiment set forth in, Q. 4 I think it was Exhibit 2, the 2015 Shi and Baric 5 paper, would those experiments be the sort to --6 would be --7 Α. Yeah. Q. -- appropriate to perform at BSL-2 functions -- sorry -- BSL-2 conditions? 9 10 Α. I have not familiarized myself with that 11 paper. I don't know if I ever even read it 12 carefully. It would take me probably an hour to read through the paper to make a determination of what 13 14 particular level of function -- not function, level 15 of restriction it would be. 16 So I don't think I could answer that 17 question right now. 18 Q. I'm handing you an Exhibit 11. Do you see 19 that? 20 I don't have anything in front of me yet. Α. 2.1 MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, could I have a 22 copy? 23 MR. SAUER: Yeah. 24 (Dr. Fauci Exhibit No. 11 was marked for identification.) 25

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1	BY MR. SAUER:
2	Q. Can you turn to the second page of this
3	document? And is this an e-mail on February 7th of
4	2020 from Jeremy to you and Francis Collins with the
5	subject line "revised draft"?
6	A. Yeah.
7	Q. And it says, "Attachment: Summary, Feb 7
8	PDF"; right?
9	A. Right.
10	Q. Is this did Jeremy send you a draft
11	of a paper that Eddie Holmes was working on that
12	arose from the February 1st conference call?
13	A. You know, I don't recall. I believe
14	and, again, this is vague that a draft of a
15	summary of something was sent to me. My recollection
16	is I really didn't have any meaningful comments on it
17	because it is, again, if I if it is a draft of
18	what it might have been, it would be involved in a
19	lot of complicated evolutionary virology that is not
20	my lane.
21	Q. Turn to the next page, the actual
22	attachment. Do you see where it says "overview" at
23	the very top?
24	A. Yes.
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, you say this is

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1 the actual attachment. I wanted to point out that is your characterization of it. There's nothing 2 3 indicating that it is necessarily the --4 MR. SAUER: This is produced by NIH in 5 response to FOIA requests --6 MR. KIRSCHNER: I -- I understand, but --7 but there's -- I'm not saying -- I'm just saying for the record, it's not clear. BY MR. SAUER: 9 10 Under overview, do you see the third Q. 11 sentence that's bolded beginning "Analysis of the 12 virus"? 13 Α. Yes. 14 That bolded sentence says, "Analysis of Q. 15 the virus genome sequences clearly demonstrates that 16 the virus is not a laboratory construct or 17 experimentally manipulated virus"; correct? 18 Α. Correct. 19 Was that a conclusion that you and Q. 20 Jeremy and Francis Collins discussed in this time 2.1 frame? 2.2 As I mentioned before, I don't find -- I 23 am not qualified since I am not an evolutionary virologist to make any kind of definitive 24 25 determination about whether a genome could or could

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1	not be a laboratory construct or experimentally
2	manipulative.
3	I have relied, as anyone would, with
4	highly qualified, respected evolutionary virologists
5	to come to that conclusion or not.
6	Q. Were you involved in the response to the
7	various FOIA requests for your e-mails from NIAID and
8	NIH?
9	A. I'm I don't understand what you mean
10	was I involved in them. I don't a FOIA request
11	does not come to me, and I look through my e-mails
12	and give the e-mails that they ask for. We have a
13	system at the NIH where FOIA requests come in and a
14	different component of the institutes tap into the
15	e-mails and provide the e-mails that are requested.
16	I don't decide which e-mails go and don't go.
17	Q. Do you approve redactions to them?
18	A. I never redact I don't redact things.
19	Q. So you don't have any involvement in
20	deciding what gets redacted and what doesn't?
21	A. I have no involvement in what gets
22	redacted. It gets redacted at multiple levels beyond
23	my beyond me.
24	Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 12.
25	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 12 was marked for
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1 identification.) BY MR. SAUER: 2. 3 0. If you look at the first page of this 4 document? 5 Α. Yes. 6 And that's an e-mail, again, chain on Q. 7 February 4th between Jeremy Farrar, you, and Francis Collins; right? 8 9 Yes, I see that. Α. 10 And the attachment is called Q. 11 "Summary.DOCX"; right? 12 Right. Α. 13 0. And he says, "Please treat in confidence. 14 A very rough first draft from Eddie and team. 15 will send on an edited, cleaner version later today"; 16 correct? 17 Α. Correct. 18 Q. So you testified earlier that the consensus of the call on September 1st was that they 19 20 needed to take more time to consider the arguments 2.1 back and forth; correct? 2.2 It wasn't September. Α. 23 Q. I'm sorry. January. 24 Yes. Α. 25 Okay. And then by February 4th, the 0.

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- 1 following Tuesday after that Saturday call, you had
- 2 received a rough first draft of a -- a paper to be
- 3 published as a result -- or to be authored --
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. -- as a result of that; correct?
- 6 A. It says, "Please treat confidence. A very
- 7 rough draft." So it looks like they did send it to
- 8 me. Right.
- 9 Q. And do you remember getting that draft?
- 10 A. I don't recall specifically getting it,
- 11 but as I mentioned, if I did, I wouldn't have much
- 12 input into it since it's a draft, I'm sure, that
- involves very complicated evolutionary virology of
- 14 which I'm not an expert.
- 15 Q. And in the -- Jeremy had forwarded to you
- lower down on that page the same e-mail we looked at
- a moment ago where Eddie Holmes says, "Did not
- 18 mention other anomalies as this will make us look
- 19 like the "?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. Do you recall reviewing this draft?
- 22 A. I might have looked at it, but I certainly
- 23 didn't make any meaningful comments since this is
- 24 outside of my lane of expertise.
- 25 Q. If you can turn to the next page -- or

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1	actually stay on that page for a minute.
2	Jeremy says, "Pushing WHO again today"
3	there in the top near the top of the page.
4	Do you see where that is?
5	A. I'm sorry. Top of the first page?
6	Q. Yeah.
7	A. And what are you referring to?
8	Q. Second paragraph of Jeremy's e-mail at the
9	top of the page to you and Francis Collins. It says,
10	"Pushing WHO again today"; correct?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Were you involved in any communications
13	with the WHO at that time to try to get them to act
14	on this project?
15	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
16	answered.
17	THE WITNESS: To my recollection, I didn't
18	have direct involvement with the WHO, not to my
19	recollection.
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. Next page, second page of this document is
22	another e-mail from you we've seen before, right,
23	where you say we really need to get
24	A. Right.
25	Q WHO moving?
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1	A. Right.
2	Q. Does this jog your memory at all? Do you
3	remember being involved in trying to get the WHO to
4	act?
5	A. The context of this exchange and the theme
6	of the discussion, although I, myself, did not
7	directly get involved in interactions with WHO on
8	this, was that we all felt that given the convening
9	power and the status of WHO, that we wanted to get
10	them involved because we wanted to make sure that
11	this was an open and transparent discussion that
12	involved international global health authority.
13	So it is perfectly consistent and
14	compatible that I would say we really need to get WHO
15	moving on getting the convening involved because we
16	wanted an open convening so that evidence and data
17	could be openly discussed. That was the theme of
18	everything that was going on at the time.
19	Q. Can you turn ahead to the second-to-last
20	page of this document?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. And this is an e-mail on Tuesday,
23	February 4th, from Jeremy to you and Francis Collins
24	with an attachment called "Summary.PDF"; right?
25	A. Correct.

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1	Q. And this says it just says "tidied up";
2	correct?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Did he send you a second draft that same
5	day the 4th that was, quote, tidied up?
6	A. I don't recall.
7	Q. You don't know if he sent you a second
8	draft? Does this e-mail jog your recollection?
9	A. The e-mail does very little to jog my
10	recollection. Again, I had very little input or even
11	interpretation of the the the information
12	because it was in an area that is not my area of
13	expertise. I don't know what he means by tidied up.
14	Usually
15	Q. Can you turn to the next I'm not asking
16	you about that. Can you turn to the next page
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, please don't
18	interrupt please don't interrupt the witness.
19	Just he's
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. I'm going to ask you to listen to
22	questions that I'm asking
23	A. I'm listening.
24	Q and answer the question that I'm asking
25	without going on long tangents. Can you do that,

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1	please?
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: I
3	THE WITNESS: I'd be happy to. I don't
4	think I'm going on long tangents, but I'm trying to
5	put things
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. Well, can you turn
8	A into appropriate context.
9	Q. Can you turn to the next page of the
10	document?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. This is the last page. This is a
13	February 5th e-mail from Jeremy to you and Francis;
14	correct?
15	A. It says, "Tony and Francis, the revised
16	draft from Eddie copied here."
17	Q. And so he sent you a third draft on
18	February 5th?
19	A. Right.
20	Q. Two drafts on the 4th and a third draft on
21	the 5th; correct?
22	A. I'm not keeping up with the different
23	ones. So I can't say "correct" because you're going
24	really fast.
25	Q. And you recall from the prior exhibit that

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- 1 there was another draft that was sent to you on
- 2 February 7th; correct?
- 3 A. It appears that there were a couple of
- 4 drafts that were sent back and forth.
- 5 Q. And those were -- when you say "a couple,"
- 6 it's about four so far; correct?
- 7 A. I can't say. At least a couple. I don't
- 8 know exactly how many.
- 9 Q. Were you aware during the same time frame
- 10 that Peter Daszak was organizing a statement for
- 11 The Lancet --
- 12 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. -- about the origins of the virus?
- 15 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative,
- 16 also vague.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
- 18 BY MR. SAUER:
- 19 Q. Are you aware that a -- a letter was
- 20 published in The Lancet in February of 2020 organized
- 21 by Peter Daszak?
- 22 A. You know, I really don't recall this.
- 23 Again, getting to my statement about context, you're
- 24 talking about a period of time when thousands of
- 25 things come across my desk. So I don't -- I don't

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- 1 recall anything specific about something that
- 2 Peter Daszak may or may not have written for Lancet.
- If I saw it, perhaps, not quaranteed, it
- 4 might jog my memory, but I don't recall that right
- 5 now.
- 6 Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 13.
- 7 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 13 was marked for
- 8 identification.)
- 9 MR. KIRSCHNER: May I ask the witness if
- 10 he needs a break or if he's okay.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I'm okay.
- 12 BY MR. SAUER:
- 13 Q. Can you turn to the third page of this
- 14 document?
- 15 A. Third page.
- 16 Q. And the top half of this page there's a
- e-mail from Jeremy to -- that begins "Francis and
- 18 Tony"; correct? Do you see that e-mail?
- 19 A. I'm reading it. Yeah.
- 20 Q. In that third bullet point in his e-mail,
- 21 his e-mail is talking about contact with WHO again;
- 22 correct?
- A. Correct.
- 24 Q. There's been a number of e-mails. We
- 25 talked about that already; correct?

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- 1 A. Yeah.
- 2 Q. Third bullet point in his e-mail, he says,
- 3 "We can have a call this week with the core group of
- 4 that to frame the work of the group including if you
- 5 could join."
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. And I take it he's inviting you and
- 8 Francis Collins to join a call to discuss framing the
- 9 work of the WHO convened group?
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. Is that right?
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. Did you have that call?
- 14 A. I don't recall. Like I said before, this
- 15 was mostly a Jeremy-led thing, and I don't recall
- 16 having a call with WHO. It's possible that we did,
- 17 but I don't recall.
- 18 Q. Two bullet points down, it says, "With
- 19 names to be put forward into the group from us,
- 20 and pressure on this group from your and our teams
- 21 next week." Correct?
- 22 A. That's what it says.
- Q. First half of that line, it talks about,
- 24 "Names put forward into the group from us." Did you
- 25 put forward names for this group for the WHO, or do

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1	you recall doing that?
2	A. I think, if you go back and when you
3	say "recall," I recall because the first page of the
4	cluster of e-mails that you just sent me is an e-mail
5	from Jeremy to me and Francis saying, "Thank you.
6	Pardis is great, respected by everyone."
7	He's referring to Pardis Sabeti. And as
8	the e-mail jogs my memory, I believe I made the
9	suggestion that if you want to have another expert on
10	coronavirus evolution for the working group that
11	I assume is the group in the second bullet of the
12	e-mail from Jeremy to Francis and I, where it says,
13	"They have asked for names to sit on that group.
14	Please do send any names," and I believe that in
15	response not I believe.
16	It looks clearly obvious that in response
17	to that e-mail request from Jeremy, I said, "I left
18	out an important name for the group, Pardis Sabeti at
19	the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard."
20	And Jeremy writes back, "Thank you.
21	Pardis is great. Respected by everyone."
22	Q. And you had provided top half of the
23	second page of the document, you had provided the
24	list to Jeremy
25	A. Right.

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1	Q of people to include in the WHO's work?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. How did you come up with these names? Did
4	you talk to anyone before proposing them to Jeremy?
5	A. I don't believe I did. I just I may
6	have. I just I don't recall. It's likely because
7	these are people, some of whom I know well and I
8	probably asked around my institute for other people
9	who are fluent in molecular virology.
10	Q. How about Joseph DeRisi, third name on the
11	list, at the Chan Zuckerberg Biohub. What's the Chan
12	Zuckerberg Biohub?
13	A. I haven't referred it as Biohub, but the
14	Chan Zuckerberg has supported research institutions
15	at the University of California at San Francisco.
16	That might be what he's referring to, because
17	Q. This is he this is you; right? This is
18	your e-mail?
19	A. Yeah. But again these are names that
20	were given, I believed, even though the e-mail is
21	from me to Jeremy, several of these names, I almost
22	certainly got by asking members of my institute, such
23	as people in the division of microbiology and
24	infectious diseases for some names of people who
25	might actually be able to be contributory to the

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1	working group.
2	Let me give you some examples so you can
3	be clarified. Harold Varmus I know very well.
4	Former Nobel Prize winner and former director of the
5	NIH.
6	Q. I'm really not asking you to go through
7	the whole list. I just want to focus on
8	A. Well, I want to put it into a context.
9	Q. I'm going to ask you to listen to the
10	question that I'm asking and answer that question.
11	This is an extremely long answer that is
12	absolutely nonresponsive. I just asked you about
13	Joseph DeRisi. Did you originate that name?
14	MR. KIRSCHNER: I will say before
15	Dr. Fauci responds, if he has to provide proper
16	context, he provides proper context. You can ask
17	your question, and then Dr. Fauci will provide his
18	response.
19	THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's very important to
20	me to provide the context because there are certain
21	names on this list that I don't even recognize.
22	BY MR. SAUER:

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How about Joseph DeRisi?

almost certainly given to me by someone in my

I don't recognize that name. It was

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Q.

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- 2 Q. How about the name -- the name below?
- 3 A. I'm sorry. I got to finish.
- 4 Q. Go ahead.
- 5 A. This is context, sir.
- I don't recognize Joseph DeRisi. I may
- 7 have heard of him. I know Harold Varmus well. I
- 8 know Dan Gannon well. I don't know Eugene Koonin
- 9 well.
- 10 So the point that I'm putting into context
- is that it is highly likely that these names were
- 12 given to me in part by others.
- So you're asking about Joseph DeRisi, and
- 14 Joseph DeRisi's name does not ring a bell.
- 15 Q. How about Pardis Sabeti on the page
- 16 before?
- 17 A. Pardis Sabeti does. She's a well-known
- 18 virologist.
- 19 Q. Did you talk to her before you sent her
- 20 e-mail to Jeremy for inclusion in the WHO group?
- 21 A. Unlikely that I pulled Pardis. I likely
- 22 just know her well enough that I would have put her
- 23 name in. But perhaps I did call her. But unlikely
- 24 that I did. She's such a well-known figure in
- 25 molecular virology that it is not unusual for me to

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- 2 Q. How about Don Gannon?
- 3 A. Don Gannon is well-known person.
- 4 Q. Did you talk to him before you put his
- 5 name on this list to Jeremy?
- 6 A. I don't believe I did. I don't believe I
- 7 spoke to anyone on this list. I just pulled the
- 8 names out. Some of which I knew, like Varmus and
- 9 Nabel, and some of which were very likely given to me
- 10 by my staff.
- 11 Q. Turn back to the third page of the
- document, Jeremy's e-mail to you and Francis. In the
- third bullet point we talked about earlier, it talks
- 14 about having a call to, quote, frame the work of the
- 15 group.
- Do you know what he was referring to when
- 17 he was asking you -- or he wanted to frame the work
- 18 of the group?
- 19 A. I can't say exactly that I know what he
- 20 means by frame the work of the group, but in
- 21 experience in dealing with a number of working
- 22 groups, when you frame the work of the group, you
- 23 usually start off by saying, "What is the theme and
- 24 what is the question we're asking? Let's frame the
- 25 discussion. What's the issue at hand?"

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1	Q. Do you recall any discussions about
2	wanting to the frame the work of the WHO group?
3	A. I don't recall anything about framing it,
4	but
5	Q. Two bullet points lower down, you see
6	there's a bullet point about the WHO, Jeremy says
7	he refers to pressure on this group from your and
8	our teams next week.
9	Do you know what pressure he's referring
10	to?
11	A. I don't.
12	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
13	Mischaracterizes the record.
14	THE WITNESS: I don't know what Jeremy is
15	referring to when he says pressure on this group.
16	BY MR. SAUER:
17	Q. Do you recall any discussion of having
18	anybody pressure the WHO in its work related to this
19	origins of the virus investigation?
20	A. I don't have any inkling at all of
21	pressuring them. The one thing that's clear from the
22	e-mails and my recollection is that everyone wanted
23	the WHO to get involved because of their convening
24	power and their credibility. We all wanted to make
25	this an open discussion, and the WHO was the most

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1	appropriate forum for an open discussion.
2	So I don't think a belief had anything to
3	do with pressuring the WHO to do anything, merely to
4	get them to meet.
5	You're sniffling. You sure you don't have
6	a cold.
7	Q. Exhibit 14?
8	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 14 was marked for
9	identification.)
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, can I have
11	copies?
12	BY MR. SAUER:
13	Q. Can you during this same time frame
14	we've been talking about, was there also a discussion
15	of having the WHO sponsor a trip to China to
16	investigate the virus?
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
18	speculation.
19	THE WITNESS: You know, I don't recall.
20	You're asking, Mr. Sauer, about during this
21	discussion, was there discussion about WHO going to
22	China.
23	Well, I know now, memory-wise,
24	that WHO did send a group to China.
25	BY MR. SAUER:
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1	Q. Did that group include Cliff Lane of your
2	staff?
3	A. Let me answer the question. The question:
4	Did I know about it then? And I'm saying right now,
5	I don't recall, at this particular time, whether they
6	were talking about a group going to China.
7	I do know that they wanted to put together
8	a WHO group and they may have and they likely did ask
9	HHS, who asked NIH, who would be a good person to go
10	to China to see you know, to get some information
11	about what exactly evolved in China.
12	Q. Did you make a recommendation about who
13	would be a good person to go to China around February
14	2020?
15	A. I believe I recommended Dr. Clifford Lane.
16	I recommended or it was obvious because he's a very
17	well-known, competent person. So it is highly likely
18	that I recommended him. Though I don't specifically
19	remember, it would be very compatible with the
20	process that I would recommend him.
21	Q. Do you remember why you were sent an
22	e-mail that says, "WHO advance team on way to China,
23	Tedros tweet"?
24	A. No idea.

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Q. You believe you may have recommended Cliff

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- 1 Lane for that -- for that trip, but you don't know
- 2 for sure?
- 3 A. It's highly likely I would recommend him
- 4 if anyone asked me who would go on an international
- 5 trip. Dr. Lane has extensive experience in dealing
- 6 at the international level with a number of
- 7 countries, including the work he did in Africa with
- 8 Ebola and in Southeast Asia. So he's a very
- 9 experienced person at the international level.
- 10 It's entirely likely, if not very likely,
- 11 that I would have recommended him.
- 12 Q. Did he actually attend that trip?
- 13 A. Yes, he did.
- 14 Q. During February of 2020 in the kind of
- month we've been talking about, did you make any
- 16 public statements about the origins of the virus?
- 17 A. That's a very broad question. I don't
- 18 recall if I did.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, did you have any -- did you
- 20 have any contact with Peter Daszak or conversations
- 21 with him about the origins of the virus?
- 22 A. I don't recall. I may have, but I don't
- 23 recall.
- Q. You testified earlier that you don't
- 25 really know Peter Daszak; is that right?

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I don't know him very well at all.

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2	Q. Have you ever done a joint podcast with
3	him?
4	A. You know, that was brought it was
5	interesting. I think someone recently I don't
6	know when whether it was our discussion or not. I
7	don't remember brought up that I did do some sort
8	of an interview with him, but if it had not been
9	brought to my attention, I would not have remembered
10	it. I've done several hundred podcasts, maybe

- 12 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 15 was marked for
- 13 identification.)

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14 BY MR. SAUER:

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15 Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 15.

several hundred podcasts.

- Does this document jog your memory of
- doing a podcast with Newt Gingrich and Peter Daszak
- 18 on February 9th, 2020?
- 19 A. Well, there's an advertisement that said
- 20 that I'm Newt Gingrich's guest. If you had not put
- 21 this in front of me, I likely would not have
- 22 remembered it. Like I said, I've done at least
- 23 several hundred podcasts over the last couple of
- 24 years.
- 25 Q. Do you remember this one in particular now

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- 1 that you see this? Do you remember doing this 2 podcast? I don't -- I don't remember it 3 Α. 4 specifically, but since the e-mail indicates that the 5 podcast occurred, I don't even say I vaguely remember 6 that podcast. Like I said, I've done many podcasts. 7 At the top you say, "Definitely for the Q. director's page." What are you referring to? What's 9 the director's page? 10 Α. Whenever we do a media thing or a podcast 11 or a paper that comes out that the people who are interested in the goings on of the National Institute 12 of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, we sometimes put 13 14 it on the director's page, which is the link when you go to NIH.gov and then NIAID.gov, you get the 15 16 director's page, and on that are various links for 17 people to access things that we may have done. 18 Q. I'm handing you a document that's marked
- 20 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 16 was marked for
- 21 identification.)

Exhibit 16.

22 BY MR. SAUER:

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- Q. And this is an informal transcription of
- 24 some of your remarks in that podcast.
- Do you see at the top there it says --

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1	there's a timestamp, 18:48, Newt. Do you see that?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And it quotes Newt Gingrich as saying, "I
4	don't know if you had access to enough information
5	from the Chinese, but as you know, there is sort of
6	an urban legend that there is a biological warfare
7	center in Wuhan and that the coronavirus escaped from
8	that. Do you have any sense where it probably came
9	from"; correct?
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
11	foundation.
12	BY MR. SAUER:
13	Q. Is that what it says?
14	A. You just read it correctly, yes.
15	Q. And then the transcript reports you as
16	responding at 19:06: "Well, I think ultimately we
17	know that these things come from an animal reservoir.
18	I heard these conspiracy theories and like all
19	conspiracy theories, Newt, they're just conspiracy
20	theories."
21	Do you see that?
22	A. Yes, I do.
23	Q. Do you recall making that comment on
24	Newt Gingrich's podcast?
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of

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1	foundation.
2	THE WITNESS: I don't recall making it,
3	but if this is a correct transcript, then it's clear
4	that I made that statement, but I don't recall making
5	that statement.
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. Do you recall thinking on February 9th,
8	2020, that it was, quote or that we know these
9	things come from an animal reservoir?
10	A. The background of saying that we know
11	things come from an animal reservoir because the
12	history of the evolution of new microbes from an
13	animal reservoir to a human is very clear. I could
14	give you a number of examples, but one in particular
15	to save time is that SARS-CoV-1, very similar
16	circumstances to SARS-CoV-2, was for a while not
17	knowing what it evolved, but it became clear that it
18	went from a bat to a civet cat to a human. So very,
19	very similar
20	Q. Can I direct your attention to another ^
21	page, if I may?
22	A. Yeah.
23	Q. At 34:30 Newt says you see halfway
24	down, second bullet point?
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I would ask for

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1	you not to interrupt the witness.
2	MR. SAUER: He was giving a completely
3	nonresponsive answer. I'm just asking
4	THE WITNESS: No, actually I was I was
5	responding to the issue of what you mean by coming
6	from an animal reservoir, and what I was saying is
7	that my statement that things and I'll quote the
8	exact words "these things come from an animal
9	reservoir," and the context of that is, is ample
10	historical experience that these things
11	overwhelmingly come from an animal reservoir. I was
12	putting it into context.
13	BY MR. SAUER:
14	Q. Thank you for that.
15	Can I direct your attention now to the
16	second bullet point beginning 34:30?
17	Do you see that?
18	A. Yes. Yeah.
19	Q. Where Newt says, the coronavirus probably
20	came from one of the flea markets, although there was
21	a secondary rumor that there is a biological weapons
22	laboratory in Wuhan
23	THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, Counsel. Can
24	you slow down?
25	BY MR. SAUER:

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1	Q. There is a secondary rumor that there is a
2	biological weapons laboratory in Wuhan and it may
3	have come from there. Is it your sense that it's
4	almost certain that it came from an animal to human
5	transition transmission. Do you see that?
6	A. I do.
7	Q. And then the transcript quotes Daszak
8	saying, "All the evidence says that is what
9	happened"; is that right?
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
11	foundation. Speculative.
12	THE WITNESS: That's what it says. It
13	says, Daszak, quote, "All the evidence say that is
14	what happened."
15	BY MR. SAUER:
16	Q. Do you recall Daszak saying that?
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, objection. Lack of
18	foundation.
19	THE WITNESS: I don't recall hardly
20	anything about this interview since, as I mentioned,
21	I give hundreds of podcasts. So I cannot say that I
22	recall Daszak making that statement, though, if this
23	transcript is correct, it appears that he has made
24	the statement.
25	BY MR. SAUER:

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1	Q. Does this jog your recollection of having
2	any communications with Daszak about the origins of
3	the virus in February of 2020?
4	Do you remember any such communication?
5	A. I told you before that I did not remember
6	any direct conversations with him about the origin,
7	and I said I very well might have had conversations,
8	but I don't specifically remember conversations. If
9	you are implying, understandably, that being on a
10	podcast with Dr. Daszak in which the origins were
11	discussed, if that constitutes a discussion with him
12	about it, I guess I had a discussion, but at the time
13	you asked the question, I did not recall having a
14	discussion with him about the origins.
15	Q. How about Dr. Ralph Baric? We talked
16	about him earlier. Did you say you knew him or not?
17	A. I know of him. I wouldn't say I know him.
18	I'm not sure. I may have met him at a meeting or
19	not. I certainly know who he is. He's a
20	well-established scientist. I cannot say for certain
21	if I've ever met him.
22	Q. Okay. Did you ever so you don't recall
23	ever having a one-on-one meeting with him of any
24	kind?
25	A. I don't recall. It's possible. I have

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1	meetings with hundreds, if not thousands, of
2	scientists over the years that I've been at this
3	position.
4	Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 17.
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, I would like to
6	take a break soon. Are we kind of finishing up a
7	line of questioning or
8	MR. SAUER: Yeah, we can do that after the
9	exhibit, if that's what you want.
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: Okay. Can I have the
11	exhibit myself?
12	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 17 was marked for
13	identification.)
14	THE WITNESS: So is this 17?
15	MR. SAUER: Yeah.
16	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. Do you see this exhibit is a page from
19	your official Outlook calendar dated February 11th,
20	2020?
21	A. Right.
22	Q. And then if you look at 2:30 p.m. in the
23	afternoon that day, there's a meeting marked that
24	says, "Hold meeting with Dr. Ralph Baric."
25	Do you see that?

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1	A. I do.
2	Q. And indicated on it is that the invitation
3	came from Emily sorry Emily Erbelding; correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. Was that did that meeting occur? Did
6	you and Emily have a meeting with Dr. Ralph Baric on
7	February 11th, 2020?
8	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
9	THE WITNESS: You know, I don't recall the
10	meeting, but it's on my calendar. And as I mentioned
11	a moment ago, I might have had a meeting with him. I
12	don't recall.
13	Getting into context, it says 7A-18, which
14	is our conference room. If one goes back and looks,
15	I have literally hundreds of meetings in 7A-18 with
16	scientists who we fund, who we don't fund, who come
17	in and visit the NIH.
18	BY MR. SAUER:
19	Q. What did you discuss in this meeting, if
20	you remember?
21	A. I don't recall the discussion that we had

MR. SAUER: We can take a break there, if 25 you want?

22 at 2:30 on February the 11th, 2020. I just don't

24

23 recall it.

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1	THE WITNESS: Sure.
2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Stand by. The
3	time is 11:09 a.m., and we're going off the record.
4	(Recess.)
5	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:21 a.m.,
6	and we're back on the record.
7	BY MR. SAUER:
8	Q. Dr. Fauci, I want to circle back to
9	something you said a little while ago before I
10	forget. You said that misinformation and
11	disinformation can lead to loss of life; correct?
12	A. Right.
13	Q. And I think that was in the context of
14	talking about the misinformation and disinformation
15	on social media, among other things; is that correct?
16	A. However it's disseminated, it can lead to
17	loss of life.
18	Q. Is it your view that misinformation and
19	disinformation on social media can lead to loss of
20	life?
21	THE WITNESS: What's the matter?
22	THE COURT REPORTER: Nothing.
23	THE WITNESS: You're shaking your head.
24	THE COURT REPORTER: I need counsel to
25	slow down.

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1	BY	MR.	SAUER:	
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- 2 Q. Is it your view that misinformation and
- 3 disinformation on social media can lead to loss of
- 4 life?
- 5 A. I think in any situation where egregious
- 6 misinformation such as some of the ones I referred to
- 7 before, such as information that would discourage
- 8 people from getting vaccinated, that in my mind,
- 9 would be a way that life that could otherwise have
- 10 been saved would be lost, if people were persuaded
- 11 not to pursue a life-saving intervention.
- 12 Q. Do you think that there should be steps
- 13 taken to curb the spread of misinformation and
- 14 disinformation?
- 15 A. You know, that's not my area. I'm very
- 16 well aware of the concept of freedom of speech. The
- 17 area of the curtailment of that is something that is
- 18 not in my area of the expertise. Those are legal and
- 19 other things. And I really don't have any opinion on
- 20 that.
- 21 Q. Have you ever contacted a social media
- 22 company and asked them to remove misinformation from
- 23 one of their platforms?
- A. No, I have not.
- 25 Q. Is that something you ever discussed with

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1	Mark Zuckerberg?
2	A. To my knowledge, we have not my
3	discussions with Mark Zuckerberg were very clearly
4	directed at getting me on some Facebook podcast to
5	encourage people to get vaccinated. That was the
6	extent of our conversations.
7	Q. Has anyone on your staff, you know, at
8	NIAID, ever reached out to a social media platform to
9	ask them to take content down or to block content in
10	any way?
11	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
12	THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, no. But
13	again, I don't know everything that goes on, but
14	certainly nothing that I was made aware of that they
15	were doing.
16	BY MR. SAUER:
17	Q. Let me give you Exhibit 18.
18	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 18 was marked for
19	identification.)
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. Do you see this short e-mail from Ian
22	Lipkin dated February 11th, 2020?
23	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
24	foundation.
25	THE WITNESS: To whom was the e-mail

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1 written to? 2. BY MR. SAUER: 3 0. Do you know if you were copied on this 4 e-mail? 5 Well, let me read it first, and then I'll Α. 6 see. 7 Is this an e-mail from Ian to me? Q. That's my question. Do you know if this 9 is an e-mail from Ian to you? 10 You know, I can't say for sure. I mean, Α. 11 again, just in the spirit of the context that I've 12 been trying to establish here, I average a couple of thousand e-mails a day. So this could have been --13 14 Do you have any recollection of this one? Q. 15 I don't have a recollection of it. 16 entirely possible that Ian wrote this to me. 17 communicates with me -- I wouldn't say a lot, but 18 enough to recognize an e-mail when -- and I will send it, I'll read it, but I don't recognize this 19 particular e-mail. 20 2.1 Can I direct your attention to the last Q. 22 sentence where Ian says, "Given the scale of the bat 23 CO research pursued there -- that is to say at the 24 institute in Wuhan -- and the site of the emergence 25 of the first human cases, we have a nightmare of

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1	circumstantial evidence to assess."
2	Do you see that?
3	A. I do.
4	Q. Do you know what he is talking about?
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. If you know.
8	A. I am not certain of what he's referring
9	to. I could surmise what he is referring to is
10	that and I think it has to do with circumstantial
11	evidence, is that whenever you have a situation when
12	research is being done and you might have an
13	outbreak, then there will be always people who
14	immediately jump on and say, "Well, this could have
15	had to do with the research."
16	Q. Did you think it was a nightmare of
17	circumstantial evidence, these factors he's referring
18	to, given that there's a lot of bat coronavirus
19	research pursued at the Institute in Wuhan, and that
20	the first human cases emerged in Wuhan, you view that
21	as a nightmare of circumstantial evidence?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
23	Ambiguous. Compound.
24	THE WITNESS: I don't at least that's
25	not my style to think in terms of circumstantial

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- 1 evidence. I think anyone who is involved in the
- 2 field knows that when there's an outbreak, there's
- 3 always a concern of how did it happen? What
- 4 happened?
- 5 And when you have an element that there is
- 6 a research institution involved, there is always
- 7 speculation that it has something to do with research
- 8 institution. I mean, we have been in situations
- 9 where people questioned what's going on up in
- 10 Frederick, Maryland, even though there's nothing
- 11 going on in Frederick, Maryland, to my knowledge,
- 12 that is of any concern that people always refer to as
- "Oh, there's that kind of research going on."
- 14 BY MR. SAUER:
- 15 O. Would it be a nightmare if it turned out
- 16 that, in fact, that the virus had escaped --
- 17 accidentally escaped from a lab in Wuhan?
- 18 A. You know, again, you're use the word
- 19 "nightmare," you know, kind of a -- a sort of a vaque
- 20 thing that means different things to different
- 21 people.
- 22 Q. How would you describe it?
- 23 A. I mean if -- and I have to emphasize "if,"
- 24 and I believe the evidence weighs much more toward a
- 25 natural occurrence, even though you always keep an

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- 1 open mind as to what the origin and etiology is,
- 2 certainly if that happened, then the purpose of
- 3 knowing that is try and make sure, looking forward,
- 4 that those things don't happen again. The purpose of
- 5 trying to determine the origin of an outbreak is to
- 6 see what you can do, looking forward, to prevent it
- 7 from happening again and it goes both ways. If it's
- 8 a factual occurrence, then you want to make sure that
- 9 you get good animal human surveillance.
- 10 Q. How about it was not a natural occurrence
- on the hypothetical, and it, in fact, escaped from
- 12 the lab and in fact that the research that had
- 13 created the virus was partly funded by NIAID, would
- 14 that be a nightmare scenario? Can you pick a word
- 15 that would describe the scenario to your knowledge?
- 16 A. Well, I'm going to go to context because
- 17 you're asking a question that I think needs to be
- 18 explained. If you look at the molecular makeup of
- 19 SARS-CoV-2 and you look at the viruses that were
- 20 studied under the auspices and funding of the
- 21 subaward to the Wuhan Institute, those bat viruses
- 22 evaluated by anyone with even a reasonable
- 23 acquaintance with evolutionary virology would tell
- 24 you that given those viruses that they worked on,
- 25 reported on, and published on was so far removed from

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1	SARS-CoV-2, that it would be molecularly impossible,
2	even if people tried to manipulate them to become
3	SARS-CoV-2 they wouldn't become SARS-CoV-2.
4	So the idea of conflating research that's
5	funded by NIH to look at in a surveillance way the
6	bat viruses that were circulating in that area, you
7	can talk to any unbiased molecular virologist and you
8	can say that the evolutionary difference between
9	those viruses and SARS-CoV-2 would make it
10	essentially impossible to have this turn into this.
11	And what happens, is when you talked about
12	laboratory leaks and the things you're referring to
13	here, people inappropriately conflate that with
14	research funded by the NIH. And it's apples and
15	oranges.
16	Could something have, quote, leaked out of
17	a Chinese lab? I have always kept an open mind that
18	that is possible. Could it have happened by the
19	experiments that were done and reported that were
20	funded by the NIH? Getting back to what I said a
21	moment ago, molecularly, that could not have
22	happened.
23	Q. What about experiments that were done but
24	weren't reported. For example, are you aware that a
25	whole large number of genomic sequences were pulled

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- down in September of 2019 from the Wuhan Institute of
  Virology's website? Are you aware of that? It's a
- 3 yes or no question.
- 4 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 5 foundation.
- THE WITNESS: Tell me what you're
- 7 referring to.
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. Well, are you aware that genomic sequences
- 10 of viruses were removed from publicly available
- 11 databases in September of 2019 at the Wuhan Institute
- 12 of Virology?
- 13 A. I am aware of that context. Those
- 14 sequences were also, even though they were removed
- 15 from a bank that has nothing do with my institute,
- 16 those sequences were published in the literature.
- So it isn't as if they were unknown.
- 18 Q. Let me ask you this. Actually, let me
- 19 give you another exhibit.
- 20 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 19 was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- 22 BY MR. SAUER:
- 23 Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 20.
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Twenty or 19?
- 25 MR. SAUER: You're right. It's 19.

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- 1 BY MR. SAUER:
- 2 Q. Do you recognize this as the preprint
- 3 version of the proximal origin of SARS-CoV-2 dated
- 4 February 17th of 2020?
- 5 A. Yeah, this looks like the preprint that
- 6 antedated the full papers that were published in the
- 7 peer-reviewed literature. This is a preprint.
- 8 Q. Did you review the preprint when it came
- 9 out? Did anyone send it to you? Do you know?
- 10 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- 11 answered.
- 12 BY MR. SAUER:
- 13 Q. Do you know?
- 14 A. Again, I -- a lot of things get sent to
- 15 me. I -- it likely is that they probably sent a copy
- of this to Dr. Collins and I, though I don't
- 17 specifically recall it.
- 18 Q. Do you know if you reviewed it when the
- 19 preprint came out?
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- answered.
- 22 THE WITNESS: It -- it depends. I think I
- 23 answered that question before, did I not?
- 24 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. I'm just asking you again. I don't

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1 remember what you s	said.
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- 2 A. Well, let me try and remember and make
- 3 sure that it's both true and consistent, that it is
- 4 likely that this was sent to me. When you say review
- 5 a paper, review means different things to different
- 6 people.
- 7 Did I look through it? Yes. Did
- 8 I fully understand the molecular virology of it?
- 9 Unlikely, because I'm not an evolutionary virologist.
- 10 Did I make any substantive comments on it? Unlikely,
- 11 because that would not be my position since I'm not
- 12 an evolutionary virologist.
- 13 Q. Now, you have been copied on four drafts
- of this paper prior to this on February 4th, 5th, and
- 15 7th; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. Those drafts were sent to you by
- 18 Jeremy Farrar as written up by Eddie Holmes? Do you
- 19 recall that?
- 20 A. I'm not sure it was written up by
- 21 Eddie Holmes, but it was sent from me, I believe.
- 22 You showed me an -- you showed me a lot of e-mails
- 23 and papers before. I don't have an exact
- 24 recollection of the name of the person who sent it
- 25 versus the one who was referred to, but the names of

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- 1 Eddie Holmes and Jeremy Farrar are certainly
- 2 associated with the paper.
- 3 O. And, in fact, if you look at the author
- 4 line, there's five authors associated with it;
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And all of those people are on that
- 8 February 1st call at 2:00 p.m. organized by
- 9 Jeremy Farrar; correct?
- 10 A. I believe so. I -- yeah, I believe so,
- 11 but I'm not a hundred percent sure. Was he and
- 12 Lipkin on the call? He might have been. I know that
- 13 the others very likely were on the call.
- 14 O. Is that Ian Lipkin who one week -- or six
- days earlier had sent an e-mail saying that we have a
- 16 nightmare of circumstantial evidence to address?
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 18 foundation.
- 19 BY MR. SAUER:
- 20 Q. Is that the same human?
- 21 A. Well, Ian Lipkin is Ian Lipkin. There
- 22 aren't a lot of Ian Lipkins that I know.
- 23 Q. Can you turn to the second page of the
- document? Second paragraph, last sentence, it says,
- 25 "Importantly, this analysis provides evidence that

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- 1 SARS-CoV-2 is not a laboratory ^ construct nor a
- 2 purposely manipulated virus"; correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Did you have any discussions with any of
- 5 these authors about that conclusion?
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- 7 answered.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I don't recall whether I had
- 9 a discussion with the authors about that last
- 10 statement. When I looked at the paper for things
- 11 that you understand are clear sentences like that and
- 12 not necessarily things like Figure 1, which go into
- 13 the mutations and contact residues, et cetera. So I
- 14 am certain that having looked at it, I was aware of
- 15 what their conclusion was. I don't recall discussing
- 16 specifically that conclusion with them.
- 17 BY MR. SAUER:
- 18 Q. How about with Francis Collins? Did you
- 19 discuss it with him?
- 20 A. It's possible. I mean, Francis and I know
- 21 each other very well. He's the director of NIH. I
- 22 would not be surprised if I had in the discussion a
- 23 mention of and perhaps discussion of the conclusion
- 24 of that paper.
- 25 O. How about with Jeremy Farrar? Did you

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1 have any discussions with his	im about the conclusi	on?
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- 2 A. I don't recall. I would not be surprised
- 3 if I did, but I don't specifically recall. It would
- 4 be much more likely that I had a conversation of that
- 5 type with Dr. Collins, possibly with Dr. Farrar, but
- 6 I don't know for sure.
- 7 Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 20.
- 8 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 20 was marked for
- 9 identification.)
- 10 BY MR. SAUER:
- 11 Q. Do you see this article from the NIH
- 12 record entitled "NIAID's Lane Discusses WHO COVID-19
- 13 Mission to China"?
- 14 A. And what's the question, sir? I'm sorry.
- 15 Q. I'm just saying do you see this?
- 16 A. Yes, I do see it.
- 17 Q. Okay. And then if you look at the first
- 18 paragraph, it's talking about Dr. Cliff Lane, which
- 19 is the patient in that WHO mission we talked about
- 20 earlier; correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Could you turn to the fifth page of the
- document, bottom paragraph? There's a quote from
- 24 Mr. Lane. Do you see that?
- 25 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. I would ask

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- 1 that Dr. Fauci have an -- an opportunity to
- 2 familiarize himself with this document.
- 3 MR. SAUER: I'm just asking if he sees
- 4 that -- that quote on the bottom of Page 5.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Is it the last paragraph?
- 6 BY MR. SAUER:
- 7 Q. Yeah, beginning "The Chinese were
- 8 managing"?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And Mr. Lane, after returning from the
- 11 trip, said the Chinese were managing this in a very
- 12 structured, organized way; correct?
- 13 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 14 foundation.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. Is that what it says?
- 17 A. That's what the sentence says on this
- 18 report on Page 5. That's what the NIH record --
- 19 report says, yes.
- 20 Q. And the quote goes on to quote Mr. Lane as
- 21 saying, "When we got there, the outbreak was already
- 22 coming under control in China. The measures they put
- in place appear to be working. I think that they
- 24 felt there were lessons learned they wanted to share
- with the rest of the world"; correct?

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A. Correct.	_	Α.	Correct.	
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- 2 Q. Did you discuss Mr. Lane's experience on
- 3 the trip with him when he got back from the WHO trip?
- 4 A. The answer is I did, and it relates really
- 5 a lot to what -- the sentence -- what he said.
- 6 Dr. Lane was very impressed about how from a clinical
- 7 public health standpoint, the Chinese were handling
- 8 the isolation, the contact tracing, the building of
- 9 facilities to take care of people, and that's what I
- 10 believed he meant when he said were managing this in
- 11 a very structured, organized way.
- 12 Q. And he goes on in that last sentence on
- 13 that page to say, "From what I saw in China, we may
- 14 have to go to as extreme a degree of social
- distancing to help bring our outbreak under control";
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. So he drew the conclusion that there might
- 19 have to be extreme, in his word, measures to mandate
- 20 social distancing to bring the outbreak under
- 21 control; correct?
- 22 A. That's what this is implying, yes.
- 23 Q. Did he discuss that with you when he came
- 24 back from the trip?
- 25 A. He might have. I don't recall the exact

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- 1 sentence, but he did discuss with me that the Chinese
- 2 had a very organized way of trying to contain the
- 3 spread in Wuhan and elsewhere. He didn't get
- 4 a chance to go to Wuhan, but he was in Beijing, and I
- 5 believe other cities -- at least Beijing -- and he
- 6 mentioned that they had a very organized,
- 7 well-regimented way of handling the outbreak.
- 8 Q. And so he had a kind of positive reaction
- 9 to that. There might be lessons to be learned for
- 10 the United States in its response to the outbreak;
- 11 correct?
- 12 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vaque.
- 13 Ambiguous.
- 14 BY MR. SAUER:
- 15 Q. Correct?
- 16 A. I believe Dr. Lane came to the conclusion
- 17 that when you have a widespread respiratory disease
- 18 that a very common and effective way to curtail the
- 19 rapid spread of the disease is by implementing social
- 20 distancing measures.
- 21 Q. Did you agree with that conclusion when
- 22 you discussed it with him when he came back?
- 23 A. I wasn't there and I didn't see it, but
- 24 Dr. Lane is a very astute clinician, and I have every
- 25 reason to believe that his evaluation of the

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1	situation was accurate and correct.
2	Q. Do you know if he communicated with
3	Chinese officials when he was on that trip?
4	A. I don't know for sure whether
5	he communicated with Chinese officials on the trip.
6	Q. So you would you know the identities of
7	any Chinese officials he may have communicated with?
8	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
9	THE WITNESS: I don't recall discussions
10	about he may have. Again, this was a few years
11	ago. He may have had discussions with them. I I
12	don't know if he did or not.
13	BY MR. SAUER:
14	Q. I'm going to give you another exhibit, 21.
15	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 21 was marked for
16	identification.)
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. Just real briefly, you see this is an
19	e-mail from Cliff Lane dated 22nd February 2020;
20	correct?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. And in the first line of the e-mail he
23	said, "China has demonstrated this infection can be
24	controlled, albeit at great cost"; correct?
25	A. Right.
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1	Q. In your discussions with him, did he
2	discuss controlling the infection at great cost?
3	A. Again, I don't recall the precise nature
4	of the conversation that I had with Dr. Lane, but I
5	believe what he was referring to is that you have
6	to that you can control it, and by great cost, I
7	believe he was referring to extreme methods.
8	And the Chinese, indeed, went to extreme
9	methods to do that.
10	Q. And those extreme methods include very
11	aggressive lockdowns, for example
12	A. Yeah, but the lockdowns were the types of
13	lockdowns that were really quite extreme. They would
14	essentially lock people in their homes, which was
15	extreme to do that.
16	Q. Did you come to believe that extreme
17	measures would be required to control the spread of
18	the virus?
19	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
20	Ambiguous.
21	THE WITNESS: When you're talking about
22	the virus here in the United States?
23	BY MR. SAUER:
24	Q. Correct.
25	A. It was my opinion that social distancing

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1	would be very important when you have a respiratory						
2	virus that is spreading widely through a community						
3	causing an extraordinary amount of suffering and						
4	death. Getting to context, I refer specifically that						
5	early on in the epidemic when New York got hit very						
6	badly, there were freezer and cooler trucks that were						
7	loaded with dead bodies from the hospital. That is						
8	an unprecedented extreme issue that we all felt						
9	strongly, those of us involved in the discussions and						
10	the public health recommendations, that social						
11	distancing was imperative so that our hospitals would						
12	not be overrun, and that we would be in a situation						
13	where we would have to almost triage the decision of						
14	who would live and who would die.						
15	When you get to that extreme, social						
16	distancing, even by somewhat difficult means, is						
17	warranted to save lives.						
18	Q. Did you think that social distancing						
19	I'm talking about this time frame of around February						
20	of 2020 did you think that social distancing would						
21	have to include only high-risk individuals or would						
22	it apply to society as a whole?						
23	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.						
24	THE WITNESS: When you're when you're						
25	dealing with a respiratory illness that has the						

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- 1 potential to kill a lot of people -- we've lost over
- 2 one million people in this country -- in order to
- 3 have an effective interruption, which would almost
- 4 certainly be on a temporary basis, but to interrupt
- 5 this enormous explosion of infections that we were
- 6 seeing, you would have to involve essentially the
- 7 entire community.
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. Let me hand you Exhibit 22.
- 10 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 22 was marked for
- 11 identification.)
- 12 BY MR. SAUER:
- 13 Q. And this is an e-mail chain involving you,
- 14 Christian Anderson, Jeremy Farrar, and Francis
- 15 Collins; right?
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 O. And then it also includes the other
- authors of that "Proximal Origins of COVID-19" paper
- 19 that we looked at earlier in the preprint version?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. If you look at that, just a little way
- down the March 6th, 2020 4:23 p.m. e-mail from
- 23 Anderson. Do you see that?
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. He says, "Dear Jeremy, Tony and Francis,

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	Thank	you	again	IOI.	your	advice	and	leadership as

- 2 we've been working through the SARS-CoV-2 origin
- 3 paper; correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And Jeremy is Jeremy Farrar; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Tony is you?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. And Francis is Francis Collins, right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And what advice and leadership did you
- 12 provide, if any, on the preparation of that paper?
- 13 A. Very little.
- 14 Q. So you don't know what he's talking about
- when he says thank you?
- 16 A. No. I think that Jeremy is being
- 17 courteous, as he is wont to be. I mean "advice"
- 18 could be -- and "leadership" could be we really got
- 19 to get information out. Thank you for the effort
- 20 you've put into it. Advice and leadership, to my
- 21 recollection, had very little to do with substantive
- 22 input into the paper.
- Q. And that second --
- 24 A. And we did not have substantive input into
- 25 the paper.

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1 And below that, it says, "Please let me Q. 2 know if you have any comments, suggestions or 3 questions about the paper or the press release"; 4 correct? 5 Α. Correct. 6 So he invited you to have comments on the Q. 7 paper because we're still waiting for proofs? Α. Right. 9 So there was still time to make changes to 0. 10 it; correct? 11 Α. Yeah. And there were no -- to my recollection, any substantive input into the paper. 12 13 Q. Do you recall making comments on it at any 14 time --15 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and 16 answered. BY MR. SAUER: 17 18 Q. Do you? 19 I don't recall making any substantive comments on the paper. I may have made a comment 20 2.1 that "nice job," which is very courteous, but doesn't 2.2 mean that I had a substantive input into the paper. 23 I did not. 24 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 23 was marked for identification.) 25

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- 1 BY MR. SAUER:
- 2 Q. Exhibit 23. The first stage -- page of
- 3 this document is an e-mail from you to
- 4 Mark Zuckerberg; correct?
- 5 A. Yeah. The reason I'm smiling, you're
- 6 jumping around here, but that's okay. We're good.
- 7 Fake left. All right. Let's go.
- 8 Q. Is an e-mail to you from Mark Zuckerberg;
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. The top one is dated February 27, 2020.
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. And he writes to you, "Tony, I was glad to
- 14 hear your statement about the COVID-19 vaccine," and
- so forth.
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Were you already on a first-name basis
- with Mark Zuckerberg on February 27?
- 19 A. You know, a lot of people call me Tony who
- 20 have never even met me before.
- 21 Q. Had you met him before this e-mail was
- 22 sent?
- 23 A. I don't recall what the first time I met
- 24 Mark Zuckerberg. I actually don't think -- maybe
- 25 not. Again, context, I meet thousands of people.

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- 1 I'm not sure I've ever met him in person. I've been
- 2 on Zooms and Facebook things with him, but it could
- 3 not be at all unusual -- it happens every day -- that
- 4 people who have never met me refer to me as Tony.
- 5 I'm a rather informal person.
- 6 Q. Do you have relationships with researchers
- 7 at the Chan Zuckerberg Institute?
- 8 A. If the Chan Zuckerberg Institute that
- 9 you're referring to is the San Francisco General
- 10 Hospital.
- 11 Q. The one you described earlier.
- 12 A. Yeah because remember -- yeah, that's the
- 13 thing, Mr. Sauer. I'm not really clear on -- I'm not
- 14 really quite sure what Bio Club is. I do know that
- 15 Chan Zuckerberg supports the San Francisco General
- 16 Hospital. And I know Chan Zuckerberg in the context
- of the University of California, San Francisco
- 18 General Hospital.
- 19 Q. And do you have relationships with
- 20 researchers at that hospital?
- 21 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague and
- 22 ambiguous.
- 23 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. If I could finish the question.
- 25 A. Again, I'm not sure what you mean by

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- 1 relationship. I know, to varying degrees of
- 2 familiarity ranging from knowing who they are to
- 3 being able to recognize them at a meeting and say
- 4 hello, to knowing them over the years in our
- 5 interactions in the medical and scientific community,
- 6 but the answer to your question is: I can't pull out
- 7 people. I mean, I know researchers who are at the
- 8 San Francisco General Hospital, for sure. I've
- 9 dealt -- our institute deals with them regularly.
- 10 Q. Do you remember the first time you met
- 11 Mark Zuckerberg?
- 12 A. I don't remember specifically, but I
- 13 believe it was on a Zoom call. I don't believe I've
- 14 ever physically -- I may have. Could be. I don't
- 15 know for sure, but I don't think I've physically
- 16 interacted with him. I believe I have seen him on
- 17 multiple times that we've interacted on Facebook
- 18 Zoom-type podcasts.
- 19 Q. Did any of those Zooms predate the
- 20 outbreak of COVID-19?
- 21 A. I don't think so. I mean, I don't -- I've
- 22 heard of Mark Zuckerberg -- obviously, he's a famous
- 23 person, but I don't recall -- again, I could have run
- into him prior to the outbreak, but I don't
- 25 specifically recall running into Mark Zuckerberg

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- before. It's possible. 2 Q. Can you turn to the third page of this
- 3 There's another e-mail from document?
- 4 Mark Zuckerberg dated March 15th of 2020.
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: The page before.
- 7 THE WITNESS: The one in the middle of the
- 8 page?

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- 9 MR. KIRSCHNER: No, I think it's --
- 10 BY MR. SAUER:
- 11 Q. Third page of the document?
- 12 Third page of the document, yes. Α.
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, I would ask for 13
- 14 Dr. Fauci to have an opportunity to familiarize
- himself with this e-mail prior to asking any 15
- 16 questions.
- BY MR. SAUER: 17
- 18 Q. I just want to ask a quick question about
- the paragraph that begins, "I'm also doing a series 19
- 20 of live-streamed Q and As."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 2.2 Yeah. I see it. Just let me read it. Α.
- 23 Yeah.
- 24 Did you, in fact, do a live stream Q and Q.
- 25 A with Mark Zuckerberg as he invited you to do in

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1	this	one		in	this	paragraph?
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- 2 A. I believe I did. I did a three -- I think
- 3 three is correct. Three live stream Facebook-type 0
- 4 and As where he would ask me important questions --
- 5 you know, why is it important to be careful with, you
- 6 know, public health measures. Tell us the truth.
- 7 Now, what is the virus? What do you mean? How does
- 8 it spread? Things like that.
- 9 Q. Next paragraph down, "Finally, we have
- 10 allocated technical resources and millions of dollars
- of free ad credits for the U.S. Government to use for
- 12 PSAs to get its message out over the platform"?
- 13 A. That's what he says, right.
- 14 Q. And the platform refers to Facebook, I
- 15 quess?
- 16 A. I quess so.
- 17 Q. Did you accept that offer that Facebook
- would donate millions of dollars of free ad credit?
- 19 A. No, I don't have the authority to accept
- 20 outside money like that. It would have to go through
- 21 a different channel. And I don't believe -- though
- 22 I'm not 100 percent certain -- I don't believe that
- 23 there was any money that was given from the
- 24 Zuckerberg to the United States government to do
- 25 PSAs. It's possible, but it certainly didn't happen

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- 1 to my knowledge. I don't recall money being given
- 2 for PSAs. I recall the offer to help get information
- 3 out, but I don't recall -- again, could have
- 4 happened, possible. But I don't recall.
- 5 Q. Exhibit 24 --
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: Counsel, before we go to
- 7 Exhibit 24, I've noticed on this exhibit it looks
- 8 like a phone number that I want to make sure is
- 9 redacted before it becomes a public record. It looks
- 10 like a personal cell phone for Mark Zuckerberg.
- 11 MR. SAUER: This is a document as we
- 12 received it from the government.
- 13 MR. KIRSCHNER: And it's marked
- 14 confidential.
- MR. SAUER: We have no objection to that.
- 16 BY MR. SAUER:
- 17 **Q.** And Exhibit 24?
- 18 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 24 was marked for
- 19 identification.)
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. Is this the actual published version of
- 22 the "Proximal Origin of SARS-CoV-2"?
- 23 A. I don't have anything in front of me.
- 24 Q. Oh, sorry. Is this the published version
- 25 of the "Proximal Origin of SARS-CoV-2" that was

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1	published online on March 17th of 2020.
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
3	Mischaracterizes the evidence. Just to make the
4	record clear, you're saying March 17th.
5	MR. SAUER: If you look at the last page
6	in the far right column, at the very top, it says,
7	"Published online 17 March, 2020." Do you see that?
8	MR. KIRSCHNER: Okay. I see that. Thank
9	you.
10	THE WITNESS: This appears to be the
11	Nature Medicine it says Nature Medicine, Volume
12	27, April 2020, on the bottom of the paper so I would
13	imagine this is the original, published,
14	peer-reviewed article that appeared in Nature
15	Medicine.
16	BY MR. SAUER:
17	Q. So this is the published version of the
18	one that Dr. Anderson had sent you the preprint
19	version of a few days earlier; correct?
20	A. Well, I can't say exactly that it is. I
21	do know that it would be standard to have a preprint
22	usually in Med Archive. And it had the same title,
23	the "Proximate Origin of SARS-CoV-2," and the authors
24	appear to be the same, so I would make a reasonable
25	assumption that Exhibit 24 is the peer-reviewed

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- 1 version of the preprint that you showed me before.
- 2 Q. And the first page, second paragraph?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Last sentence. "Our analyses clearly show
- 5 that SARS-CoV-2 is not a laboratory construct or a
- 6 purposely manipulated virus; correct?
- 7 A. That's what it says.
- Q. Did you have any input in formulating that
- 9 conclusion between the time you got the preprint
- 10 version from Dr. Anderson on March 8 and then the
- 11 publication online on March 17?
- 12 A. Mm-hmm.^ this is a conclusion of the
- 13 authors. I'm not really sure of what you're saying
- 14 did I have any input. I don't recall conversation
- 15 that we had -- and as I mentioned before, my input
- 16 into the formulation of this was minimal, if at all.
- 17 I remember reading through it.
- 18 And I'm not guite sure what you mean that
- 19 I have substantial input into the conclusion. That
- 20 conclusion was based on the analysis by the authors
- 21 of this paper.
- 22 Q. Did you have any communications at all
- 23 about that -- about -- any communications at all
- 24 about that conclusion in that time frame from
- 25 March 8th to March 17th?

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1	A. Conversations with whom?
2	Q. With anybody.
3	A. You know, I don't recall specific
4	conversations, but we read the preprint and,
5	therefore, we knew what the conclusion was, and I'm
6	sure that that conclusion was discussed. So I would
7	not be surprised at all following the initial
8	preprint that I discussed the conclusion of these
9	authors that this is not a laboratory construct or a
10	purposely manipulated virus.
11	I wouldn't be surprised if I did discuss
12	this with people since it already was out in public
13	knowledge in the preprint. So the question, did I
14	discuss this between the preprint and now? I would
15	not be surprised if I did.
16	Q. Do you know anyone you discussed it with?
17	Do you remember?
18	A. I can't specifically remember anyone I
19	discussed it with, but, as I said, given the fact
20	that it was out in the preprint literature, it is
21	likely, and I'm not surprised if I did, discuss it.
22	It was being discussed widely.
23	Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 26.
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: I think we're on 25.
25	MR. SAUER: Oh, sorry. That was it.

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1 Twenty-five. (FAUCI Exhibit No. 25 was marked for 2 3 identification.) 4 BY MR. SAUER: 5 Is this a copy of a blog that Q. 6 Francis Collins, the NIH director, published on 7 March 26th, 2020? MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative. 9 BY MR. SAUER: 10 Is that what appears to be on the cover? Q. 11 Α. The cover states it was a NIH director's 12 blog posted on March 26th, 2020, by Dr. Francis Collins. So I have no reason to believe that that's 13 14 not what actually occurred. That this blog was put 15 up on his director's page. 16 Can you look at the second page of the Q. 17 document, the beginning of the blog? 18 Α. Yes. 19 You see where Director Collins says, "Some Q. 20 folks are even making outrageous claims that the new 2.1 coronavirus causing the pandemic was engineered in a 2.2 lab"? 23 Α. I'm sorry. Where -- we are -- where are 24 we? 25 0. Second page.

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1	A. This here?
2	Q. First full paragraph.
3	MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, I would ask for
4	Dr. Fauci to have an opportunity to familiarize
5	himself with this document.
б	THE WITNESS: Yeah. Let me read that
7	paragraph, please.
8	Yes. I've read the paragraph. What's the
9	question?
10	BY MR. SAUER:
11	Q. You see where it says, "Some folks are
12	even making outrageous claims that the new
13	coronavirus causing the pandemic was engineered in a
14	lab"?
15	A. Yes, I see that.
16	Q. And he goes on to say, "A new study
17	debunks such claims by providing scientific evidence
18	that this novel coronavirus arose naturally";
19	correct?
20	A. Correct.
21	Q. In the immediate following paragraph,
22	he describes that as reassuring findings and refers
23	to the Nature Medicine article we just looked at;
24	right?
25	A. Correct.

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1	Q. Were you aware that Francis Collins was
2	publishing a blog addressing the Nature Medicine
3	article "Proximal Origins of COVID-19"?
4	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
5	foundation.
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. Were you aware?
8	A. Was I aware that he was preparing it? I
9	don't think so. I might have been, but I doubt it.
10	Someone likely would have brought this to my
11	attention. I don't recall reading this. I don't
12	read every NIH director's blog. It is conceivable,
13	maybe likely, that I did read it, but I was not to
14	my knowledge maybe he mentioned something to me
15	that I forgot that he was going to write a blog, but
16	it doesn't ring a bell in my mind that he was
17	planning to write a blog. But, you know, Francis
18	writes a lot. I wouldn't be surprised if he
19	mentioned he was going to do a blog, but this does
20	not ring a bell. It's clear that he did it and if he
21	did it, I likely saw it.
22	Q. You don't recall discussing it with him
23	beforehand in any way before he published it?
24	A. You know, again, I might have discussed it
25	with him, but I don't recall specifically discussing

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1	it with him.
2	Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 26. Was there
3	were you aware of media coverage of the article when
4	it came out?
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Can you please wait until
6	Dr. Fauci has the exhibit in front of him? Also I
7	only have one person okay. What exhibit number is
8	this?
9	MR. SAUER: Twenty-six.
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: I apologize, Mr. Sauer,
11	but can you once Dr. Fauci has the exhibit, can
12	you restate the question?
13	THE WITNESS: So this is I have two
14	things here.
15	MR. KIRSCHNER: Oh, I have one copy.
16	THE WITNESS: So this is
17	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 26 was marked for
18	identification.)
19	BY MR. SAUER:
20	Q. Do you see this ABC News article
21	designated at the top of the page entitled "Sorry,
22	conspiracy theorists. Study concludes COVID-19 is
23	not a laboratory construct."
24	Do you see that?
25	A. I see it, yes.

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1	Q. And then it it's dated March 27th,
2	2020, the day after the NIH director's blog that we
3	just looked at; correct?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. Did you communicate with the media about
6	the Nature Medicine article when it came out at all?
7	A. You know, I don't recall communicating
8	with the media about that. I might have, but I don't
9	specifically recall communicating with the media
10	about it.
11	Q. Do you know if Dr. Collins communicated
12	with the media about it?
13	A. I don't know if he did.
14	Q. Do you know if anyone in the NIAID staff,
15	the staff that you oversee, communicated with the
16	media about it?
17	A. I don't recall if they did or did not.
18	They might have, but I don't recall.
19	Q. Did Dr. Collins ever contact you about the
20	Nature Medicine article after this his March 26th
21	blog?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
23	Ambiguous. Lack of foundation.
24	THE WITNESS: You're asking if he
25	contacted me about the Nature Medicine article. I

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- don't remember a specific contact, but since it's a published article, I wouldn't be surprised if somehow
- 3 or other Dr. Collins commented to me about it or I
- 4 commented to him about it. But I don't specifically
- 5 recall any significant discussion. Again, we might
- 6 have. That would not be surprising to me.
- 7 BY MR. SAUER:
- 8 Q. I'm handing -- we're handing you
- 9 Exhibit 26.
- 10 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 27 was marked for
- 11 identification.)
- 12 THE WITNESS: I have Exhibit 26. You're
- 13 talking about 27.
- 14 BY MR. SAUER:
- 15 Q. Sorry. Twenty-seven. You're right.
- 16 A. Francis Collins to me, CC.
- 17 Q. Do you recognize this e-mail?
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection --
- 19 THE WITNESS: I have to read it.
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: -- I would ask for
- 21 Dr. Fauci to have an opportunity --
- 22 THE WITNESS: I have to read it.
- 23 MR. KIRSCHNER: -- to familiarize himself
- 24 with the document.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, I've read it.

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1 E	BY MR. SAUER:
2	Q. Do you recall getting this e-mail from
3 I	Or. Collins on April 14th, 2020 at 5:02 p.m.?
4	A. Again, I'm very sorry, but you're talking
5 a	about e-mails several years ago. I don't recall
6 s	specifically this e-mail. You're putting an e-mail
7 i	in front of me that's from Francis to me, and I'm
8 r	reading what it says. I don't recall seeing this,
9 k	out I know that Francis clearly was concerned that
10 t	there'd be misinformation out and he wanted and
11 t	that's why he asked: "Any more we can do as the
12 r	national academy to weigh in?"
13	Q. In particular in the first paragraph there
14 <b>t</b>	ne says to you, "Wondering if there is something NIH
15 <b>c</b>	can do to help us put down this very destructive
16 <b>c</b>	conspiracy with what seems to be growing momentum";
17 <b>c</b>	correct?
18	A. Right.
19	Q. Have you ever described the lab leak
20 <b>t</b>	theory of the origins of COVID as a very destructive
21 <b>c</b>	conspiracy to you?
22	A. Specifically, to me I mean, it's here
23 i	in this e-mail, but I just think that my little bit
24 c	of a hyperbole on his part about, you know, using
25 v	words like destructive conspiracy, I think Francis
25 v	words like destructive conspiracy, I think Fr

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1	felt and you'll have to ask Francis about that
2	but I believe he felt that the data and you go to
3	the third paragraph in that e-mail he said, "I
4	hoped that the Nature Medicine article on the genomic
5	sequence would settle this."
6	So what I believe Francis was saying that
7	the scientific data strongly point to a natural
8	occurrence, and there's a lot of, you know,
9	discussion by some that this is clearly a deliberate
10	development of a virus that could harm people, and
11	Francis in the e-mail appears to be disturbed saying,
12	the scientific data shown in Nature Medicine we hoped
13	would settle this, and that's why he's concerned.
14	The words that he used, I don't recall him
15	using those words in public in person to person to
16	me, but he clearly used those words in this e-mail.
17	Q. You said a few things there. To
18	understand what Dr. Collins meant when he sent this
19	e-mail and the various other e-mails, you said you
20	really have to ask Dr. Collins about that?
21	A. Yeah.
22	Q. Is that fair to say?
23	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
24	Mischaracterizes the evidence and also
25	THE WITNESS: No, I mean, you're asking me

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- 1 about something he said, and I think the natural
- 2 thing is why don't you ask the guy who said it?
- 3 BY MR. SAUER:
- 4 Q. Fair enough. And then if you look there
- 5 to the link, he's got a link there to a Bret Baier
- 6 report that's entitled "Sources increasingly
- 7 confident coronavirus outbreak started in a
- 8 Wuhan lab"; correct?
- 9 A. I'm sorry. What -- is this the --
- 10 Q. First page?
- 11 A. I can't read it.
- 12 Q. Yeah, directly.
- 13 A. I can't see Bret Baier. I can't read the
- 14 rest of it.
- 15 Q. Well, let me ask you this: Dr. Collins,
- 16 at the end of it says, "Anything more we can do? Ask
- 17 the National Academy to weigh in?" Correct?
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. So he's asking you if there is anything
- 20 more that you and he and Cliff Lane and the others
- 21 copied can do to try to put this destructive
- 22 conspiracy, in his words, to rest; correct?
- 23 A. I think if you look at -- I mean, I'm not
- 24 sure exactly. I don't recall this e-mail, so I'm not
- 25 sure what he was implying. But reading it now, I

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- 1 concentrate on the next-to-last paragraph, what he
- 2 said.
- 3 "I had hoped the Nature Medicine article
- 4 on the genomic sequence would settle this, but it
- 5 probably didn't get much visibility." And it is
- 6 conceivable that what he is saying is that this is a
- 7 scientific, peer-reviewed article. It's not
- 8 surmising. It's not extrapolation. It's just a
- 9 peer-reviewed scientific article that he feels didn't
- 10 get a proper amount of visibility.
- And in the next sentence, he says, "How
- 12 can we get it to get more visibility? Perhaps ask
- 13 the National Academy to weigh in and review the
- 14 evidence to give the evidence more visibility. I
- 15 think this is typical Francis, who's is a very solid
- 16 scientist, wanting to stick with the scientific data
- 17 as opposed to discussions of hypotheses with no
- 18 basis.
- 19 Q. Did you take any steps to increase the
- 20 visibility of the article after this?
- 21 A. Not to my knowledge. I don't think so. I
- 22 was busy with a lot of other things.
- 23 Q. I'm sure you were very busy. Did you
- respond to the e-mail?
- 25 A. I don't recall if I did. You're probably

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- 1 going to show me an e-mail where I did.
- 2 Q. Can you look at the next page?
- 3 A. Yeah.
- 4 Q. Next day, April 17, 2022, you respond to
- 5 that e-mail, saying, quote, "I would not do anything
- 6 about this right now. It is a shiny object that will
- 7 go away." ^ correct?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. What did you mean when you said, "I would
- 10 not" -- "I would not do anything about this right
- 11 now." Were you saying you don't want to take any
- 12 steps to increase the visibility of --
- 13 A. Right. No. I think we should let the
- 14 Nature Medicine article speak for itself is what I
- 15 meant.
- 16 Q. And you said it is a shiny object --
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. -- that will go away in time?
- 19 A. Right.
- Q. What did you mean by that?
- 21 A. By shiny object I mean something that
- 22 people tend to really get excited about. It's very
- 23 exciting to say, "Well, this thing was manufactured
- 24 by the Chinese and they threw it out into the world."
- 25 That's a shiny object.

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1	If you say that, it gets discussed all
2	over the world. That's a shiny object. And I was
3	referring to the fact that I stick, as a scientist,
4	with the science. And invariably, the science
5	prevails.
6	So what I was referring to is that I don't
7	think you should do anything about it right now. Let
8	the Nature Medicine and the data essentially prevail.
9	And this issue of with no proof at all,
10	people stating this is likely manufactured by the
11	Chinese and released, that's what I meant by a shiny
12	object, it's something with no evidence but a lot of
13	pizzazz to it if you say it. And that's what I was
14	referring to.
15	Q. Tying back to your earlier comment, do you
16	think that that theory was a form of misinformation
17	or disinformation that could lead to loss of life?
18	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
19	Ambiguous.
20	THE WITNESS: No. I'm not sure.
21	BY MR. SAUER:
22	Q. Well, Dr. Collins described it as a very
23	destructive conspiracy.
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Q. And I take it that's the destructive

A. Correct.

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1	conspiracy theory that the virus originated from a
2	lab?
3	A. Right, right.
4	Q. Did you view that theory as a form of
5	misinformation or disinformation that could lead to
6	the loss of life?
7	A. It could be misinformation. Remember,
8	misinformation are things that are untrue, not
9	necessarily deliberately, you know, propagated as
10	untrue, whereas disinformation is when you know it's
11	wrong and you still spread it.
12	So this very well might be, at least at
13	the time there was no indication that this was
14	correct information. So let me categorize it that
15	way.
16	So for someone or anyone to be going
17	around spreading that this clearly is something that
18	was made by the Chinese and released in society and
19	killed a lot people, that would be misinformation
20	because there's no evidence that that's the case.
21	And the second part of your question was
22	that could lead to a number of other things. When
23	you pursue misinformation and disinformation, often
24	you take away from the effort of pursuing something
25	that is in the line of correct information.
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1	Q. Did you take any further steps after that
2	e-mail to increase the visibility or the public
3	awareness of the Nature Medicine article?
4	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
5	answered.
6	THE WITNESS: Again, I'm not really sure
7	what you mean. When the paper came out, it was a
8	peer-reviewed scientific analysis that came to a
9	conclusion that we've already discussed.
10	Did I discuss this with people since this
11	was a topic of considerable concern, likely I did.
12	If you're asking did I do anything to promote the
13	dissemination of that, I don't think I went out of my
14	way, as I mentioned and you agreed, I'm a really busy
15	person. I have a lot of other things to do. I don't
16	think I made this something that was a high level of
17	priority for me.
18	BY MR. SAUER:
19	Q. You don't think you made let me ask you
20	this: You knew what Nature Medicine article he was
21	talking about, right?
22	A. Yeah.
23	Q. And in particular, this is the article
24	that has Christian Anderson as a corresponding
25	author?

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1	A. Right.
2	Q. Correct?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. This is the article where he, you know,
5	you had been sent at least four drafts of it, based
6	on the e-mails we saw previously; correct?
7	A. That's the same one of which I had very
8	little input into, yeah.
9	Q. And this is the article that Christian
10	Anderson had sent you a preprint and had said thank
11	you for your advice and leadership about the article;
12	correct?
13	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
14	Mischaracterizes the evidence.
15	BY MR. SAUER:
16	Q. Correct?
17	A. It's the article that we discussed before.
18	Q. Proximal Origins of COVID-19?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Exhibit 28.
21	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 28 was marked for
22	identification.)
23	BY MR. SAUER:
24	Q. And this is a excerpt from the transcript
25	of the Coronavirus Task Force press briefing in the

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1	White House dated April 17th, 2020; correct?
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
3	THE WITNESS: That's what it says on the
4	top of the piece of paper of Exhibit 28, it says
5	"Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence,
6	and members of the Coronavirus Task Force."
7	BY MR. SAUER:
8	Q. At that time, you were a member of the
9	Coronavirus Task Force; correct?
10	A. That is correct.
11	Q. And you participated in this briefing with
12	the president and the vice president; correct?
13	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. I would ask
14	Dr. Fauci have an opportunity to familiarize himself
15	with this document.
16	THE WITNESS: I'm looking at the document
17	now. And as I scan, I see on page 44 of 48, that it
18	says Dr. Fauci, and it says something that it looks
19	like I said at the press this looks like a
20	transcript, which it looks like it is, then clearly I
21	participated in that because my name is here.
22	BY MR. SAUER:
23	Q. And if you look little bit above that on
24	that second page, there's a question from a member of
25	the media saying, "Mr. President, I wanted to ask

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- 1 Dr. Fauci, could you address the suggestions or
- 2 concerns that the virus was somehow manmade, possibly
- 3 came out of a laboratory in China?" Correct?
- 4 A. That's what it says.
- 5 Q. And the president says to you, "Want to
- 6 go?" Correct?
- 7 A. That's what the president said.
- 8 Q. And then the reporter repeated, addressing
- 9 you. "You studied this virus. What are the
- 10 prospects of that?" Right?
- 11 A. That's what the question said.
- 12 Q. And your response to that was, "There was
- a study recently that we can make available to you
- where a group of highly qualified evolutionary
- virologists looked at the sequences there and the
- 16 sequences in bats as they evolved. And the mutations
- 17 that it took to get to the point where it is now is
- 18 totally consistent with a jump of a species from an
- 19 animal to a human"; correct?
- 20 A. That's what it says.
- 21 Q. Do you remember saying that?
- 22 A. I don't recall. I was at -- as you
- 23 probably know, multiple, multiple White House press
- 24 conferences. I have no reason to doubt that the
- 25 transcript is not accurate, and it looks like that's

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- 1 what I said. So I would imagine I said it.
- 2 Q. And this is April 17, which is the same
- 3 day that you had e-mailed Dr. Collins this last
- 4 exhibit saying this theory is a shiny toy that will
- 5 go away in time. Correct?
- 6 A. Shiny object.
- 7 Q. Sorry. Shiny object that will go away in
- 8 time.
- 9 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 10 foundation.
- 11 THE WITNESS: You know, I would have to go
- 12 back and look where -- you're asking me if it was the
- 13 same date. And I have to look here. The date on
- 14 Exhibit 27 is 17th of April. And this is the date of
- 15 the press conference, yes. So it's the same date.
- 16 Yeah.
- 17 BY MR. SAUER:
- 18 Q. And I've watched the video of this
- 19 particular comment?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. And I noted in watching the video that,
- 22 when you said that sentence about totally consistent,
- you pause and use that phrase, "totally consistent"
- 24 with emphasis.
- 25 A. Right.

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1	Q. Do you remember doing that?	
2	A. I don't remember doing that. Like I said,	
3	it's one of many, many, many press conferences. So I	
4	don't remember a pause of a statement I made in one	
5	of dozens and dozens of press conferences.	
6	Q. And you have given many, to be sure. But	
7	do you remember saying the mutations that it took to	
8	get to the point where it is now pause for	
9	emphasis is totally consistent with a jump from	
10	species, from animal to human. You don't remember	
11	that?	
12	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of	
13	foundation.	
14	THE WITNESS: I don't remember pauses in	
15	the hundreds of conferences that I've been at.	
16	BY MR. SAUER:	
17	Q. You went on to say, "So the paper will be	
18	available. I don't have the authors right now, but	
19	we can make that available to you"; correct?	
20	A. Right.	
21	Q. This is the same paper that, on the same	
22	day, you had been e-mailing with Dr. Collins about in	
23	the previous exhibit; correct?	
24	A. I'm a little bit confused with your	
25	question. I'm not sure what you mean. Is the	

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2 What paper are you referring to here in Q. 3 your comments from the White House podium at the task 4 force briefing on April 17th? Do you know? 5 I don't know. I assume it was the Nature Α. 6 Medicine paper. I don't know. I think it was. 7 Did you make the paper available to any Q. reporters after this press conference? 8 9 Not to my knowledge. 10 MR. KIRSCHNER: Mr. Sauer, how long do you want to go before lunch? 11

MR. SAUER: Why don't we do one more

- 14 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:

exhibit.

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paper --

- 16 **Q.** Exhibit 29.
- 17 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 29 was marked for
- 18 identification.)
- 19 BY MR. SAUER:
- 20 Q. If you'll look at the bottom of this page,
- 21 did you receive an e-mail on April 19th, 2020, from a
- 22 reporter at the Washington -- at The Times asking:
- 23 "Dr. Fauci on Friday said he would share a scientific
- 24 paper with the press on the origin of the
- coronavirus. Can you please help me get a copy of

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1	that paper?" Do you recall that?
2	A. This is Bill Bill Gertz's e-mail to
3	Katie. I don't recall it, but I'm looking up ahead
4	and I this is I guess this is Katie Miller, if
5	I'm not mistaken, who is the vice president's press
6	person. I think that's probably who it was. It
7	doesn't say who it's to or from, and then up above I
8	sent a link. So that that may be the papers we're
9	talking about.
10	Q. Did you send the link to Bill in there in
11	the first line of the e-mail, directly to Bill?
12	A. Yeah. He asked for the scientific paper
13	in the press briefing that you asked for. That may
14	have been the press person that asked the question,
15	and it looks like Katie Miller, who is the press
16	person for the Vice President Pence,
17	probably contacted me. I don't see a connecting
18	e-mail here, but she probably contacted me and said,
19	would you send the links to the paper to Bill Gertz,
20	and it looks like I did. It says here, "Bill, here
21	are the links to the scientific papers and a
22	commentary about the papers."
23	So there are two aspects here. There is
24	the original paper that came online that I believe

was not yet out or maybe just  $\operatorname{did}$  come out and a

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1 commentary on it in the journal Cell, yes. 2 Q. And the first paper is, in fact, the 3 proximal origin of SARS-CoV-2 --4 Α. Right. 5 -- the Nature Medicine paper that we've 6 talked about? 7 It looks -- yes, it says here Nature Α. Medicine April 2020. That is the paper that is the peer-reviewed version of the original preprint that 9 came out earlier. 10 11 Q. And then the other two citations are both authored by Eddie Holmes who was --12 Α. 13 Right. 14 -- involved in drafting that paper; 0. 15 correct? 16 Α. Right. 17 MR. SAUER: Let's take a break there. 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:27 p.m., 19 and we're going off the record. 20 (Recess.) 2.1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:19 p.m., 2.2 and we're back on the record. 23 BY MR. SAUER: 24 Q. Dr. Fauci, I'm handing you Exhibit 30. 25 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 30 was marked for

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1	identification.)	
2	BY MR. SAUER:	
3	Q. You see this is an e-mail at the top from	
4	you to Peter Daszak dated at dated April 19th,	
5	2020?	
6	A. Yes.	
7	Q. And you're responding to an e-mail from	
8	him the day before, April 18th, 2020; correct?	
9	A. Correct.	
10	Q. And his e-mail was the day after that	
11	coronavirus task force press conference that we	
12	looked at, the previous exhibit; correct?	
13	A. Right.	
14	Q. And he said, "Tony, CC'ing David so that	
15	you might pass this on to Tony once he has a spare	
16	sec"; correct?	
17	A. Correct.	
18	Q. Is David a reference to David Morens?	
19	A. That's true, yes.	
20	Q. Who is David Morens?	
21	A. David Morens is a person who works at	
22	NIAID, is a scientist, been with us for a very long	
23	time.	
24	Q. Does he know Peter Daszak?	
25	A. I believe he does.	
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1	O Do vou know Doton Doggok?
	Q. Do you know Peter Daszak?
2	A. You know
3	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
4	answered.
5	THE WITNESS: Yeah. To the extent that
6	I've answered that multiple times, I'm acquainted in
7	the sense of I have seen him once or twice. I don't
8	have a friendship or a relationship, if you want to
9	call it that, with him. I'm just aware of him, and
10	I've seen him a couple of times. I think I did a
11	podcast once where he was another member of the
12	podcast group.
13	BY MR. SAUER:
14	Q. These other people he copies, Erik Stemmy,
15	Emily Erbelding, and Aleksei Chmura, are they all
16	people that work on your staff at NIAID?
17	A. Erik Stemmy does for sure. Emily does for
18	sure. I believe Aleksei Chmura does also, but I'm
19	not 100 percent sure. I believe that person does.
20	I've seen his name circulated around in in
21	correspondence in our institute, but for sure
22	Erik Stemmy and Emily Erbelding work at NIAID.
23	Q. Do you know how he got all your e-mail
24	addresses?
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for

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- 1 speculation.
- 2 BY MR. SAUER:
- 3 Q. For example, do you know how he got your
- 4 e-mail address?
- 5 A. How Peter Daszak got my e-mail address?
- 6 O. Yeah.
- 7 A. It's pretty easy to get an e-mail address.
- 8 You just go on to the global NIH and you can get it.
- 9 Q. That's publicly available, your e-mail
- 10 address?
- 11 A. Oh, totally.
- 12 Q. Even though it's redacted under B6 in this
- 13 **document?**
- 14 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Argumentative.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. You may answer.
- 17 A. I don't know what you're talking about.
- 18 You don't redact a website. If you go on to the NIH
- 19 global, you can find my e-mail address.
- 20 Q. You responded to this the day after you
- 21 received it saying, "Many thanks for your kind note";
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Right. That's a very typical response of
- 24 mine. I can show you 45,000 e-mails that say thank
- 25 you for your kind note.

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1 Q. You say you ge	et about 2,000 e-mails a day?
2 A. I get yeah,	some days some days a
3 thousand, two thousand, s	ome days several hundred.
4 Q. Do you respond	to all of them like that?
5 A. No, no. The -	- the ones that are
6 irrelevant and what's	the right word for them
7 the ones that I don't rea	lly need to see.
8 Q. That's how you	respond to them?
9 A. I don't respon	d no, to this? No. I
10 don't respond to every or	e of my e-mails. I get a
11 lot of e-mails from a num	ber of different sources
12 that are completely distr	acting and irrelevant to me,
13 but when an e-mail comes	through, we got people
14 think I should see from a	legitimate scientist,
15 they let it through and t	hen I see it.
16 Q. And that Peter	Daszak is a legitimate
17 scientist in that categor	y. Fair to say?
18 MR. KIRSCHNER:	Objection. Vague.
19 THE WITNESS:	Peter Daszak is a is a
20 grantee of NIAID. So it	would be perfectly
21 appropriate to let an e-m	mail from a grantee of NIAID
22 through to me.	
23 BY MR. SAUER:	
Q. Are you aware	that generally, that
25 <b>after your comments at th</b>	e White House April 17th,

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1	coronavirus task force briefing speech about the lab
2	leak hypothesis was censored on social media?
3	Are you aware of that?
4	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
5	foundation. Vague.
6	MR. SAUER: I've asked him if he's aware
7	of it.
8	BY MR. SAUER:
9	Q. Are you aware of it?
10	A. I'm not aware of suppression of speech on
11	social media to my knowledge. If if it was
12	brought to my attention, it went (unreportable
13	sound.) I I don't recall being aware of
14	suppression of anything.
15	Q. Were you were you aware that Twitter,
16	for example, removed content that suggested the virus
17	may have escaped from a lab?
18	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
19	foundation.
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. If you know?
22	A. You know, I don't know for sure. I can
23	say I am not aware of it. It may be someone somehow
24	sent me one of the thousands of e-mails and said,
25	"Hey, this is happening," but I was not aware to the

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- 1 point of noting it in my memory that Twitter or any
- 2 other social media was suppressing anything.
- 3 O. Exhibit 31.
- 4 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 31 was marked for
- 5 identification.)
- 6 BY MR. SAUER:
- 7 Q. Here's a report in The Hill, if you see
- 8 that at the top, headline is Twitter suspends
- 9 accounts of Chinese virologist who
- 10 claimed coronavirus was made in the lab; correct?
- 11 A. That's what it says.
- 12 Q. Does this incident ring a bell? Were you
- 13 aware of an incident like this which --
- 14 THE REPORTER: Counsel, please slow down.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. Were you aware of a -- Twitter suspending
- 17 the account of a Chinese virologist --
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. -- who claimed it was removed from a lab?
- 20 A. You know, Mr. Sauer, I might have -- been
- 21 brought to my attention then. I don't recall this.
- 22 If you show me this now and ask me the question: Do
- 23 you recall this? I'd have to say I don't recall.
- Is it possible that back then somebody
- 25 said, "Hey, you know, Twitter suspended a Chinese

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- virologist's account, and I would have went, ah,
- 2 okay, and move on to the other things I do in life.
- This is not something that would be
- 4 catching my attention because, you know, the social
- 5 media and Twitter, I told you, I don't have a Twitter
- 6 account. I don't tweet. I don't do Facebook. I
- 7 don't do anything. So social media stuff, I don't
- 8 really pay that much attention to.
- 9 **O.** Exhibit 33?
- 10 MR. KIRSCHNER: Thirty-two.
- 11 MR. SAUER: Thirty-two.
- 12 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 32 was marked for
- 13 identification.)
- 14 BY MR. SAUER:
- 15 O. Is this a document from Meta entitled,
- 16 "Update on our work to keep people informed and limit
- 17 misinformation about COVID-19"?
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 19 foundation. Speculative.
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. Is that what it says on the front of it?
- 22 A. The title say "Meta," and it says, "Update
- 23 on our work to keep people informed and limit
- 24 misinformation about COVID-19."
- 25 Q. Third page of this document, can you turn

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1	to that?	
2	A. Page 3. Okay. All right.	
3	Q. It says at the top, the very first line,	
4	mostly across, "We are expanding the list of	
5	false claims we will remove to include additional	
6	debunked claims"?	
7	A. I'm sorry. What where is it?	
8	Q. Top page.	
9	A. "We are expanding," the middle of the	
10	sentence. Okay. I got it.	
11	Q. "We will remove to include	
12	additional debunked claims about the coronavirus and	
13	vaccine"; correct?	
14	MR. KIRSCHNER: I object. I'd like to	
15	have Dr. Fauci to have a moment to familiarize	
16	himself with this document.	
17	THE WITNESS: So I'm not is this	
18	what is Meta? That is a ^ Facebook.	
19	BY MR. SAUER:	
20	Q. Let me cut past all that. If you look at	
21	the top of page 3, there's a reference to removing	
22	debunked claims in that first bullet point that	
23	COVID-19 is manmade or manufactured. Generally, were	
24	you aware that Meta, which controlled Facebook and	
25	Instagram, changed its policy alleging that it would	

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- remove its content alleging that COVID-19 is 1 2 manufactured or manmade? 3 I don't recall being aware of this --Α. 4 some -- again, when you say were you aware, you're 5 talking a couple of years ago. Could someone have 6 passed me in the hall and said, "By the way, were you 7 aware that Meta did this?" Would have been one of 10,000 things that that was said to me that day. I don't recall being aware of anything that Meta did. 9 10 In fact, I didn't even know what the Meta was. 11 Q. You've heard of Facebook; right? If I -- yeah, I understand now. Somebody 12 Α. told me that they are part of Facebook or own 13 14 Facebook or something like that.
- 15 **Q. Exhibit 33.**
- 16 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 33 was marked for
- 17 identification.)
- 18 BY MR. SAUER:
- 19 Q. Very briefly -- oh, sorry.
- 20 Very briefly, this article is headlined
- 21 "Facebook Censors Award-Winning Journalist for
- 22 Criticizing the WHO." Is that correct?
- 23 A. That's what this title of Exhibit 33 says.
- 24 Q. And the article referred to a man named
- 25 Ian Birrel, B-i-r-r-e-l. Have you ever heard of him?

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1 A. I don't recall of ever hearing
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- 2 Birrel. Maybe back then somebody said something
- 3 about him. But right now, I wouldn't know. It says
- 4 here a multiaward-winning investigative reporter.
- 5 But if it hadn't said that, I wouldn't know who Ian
- 6 Birrel is.
- 7 Q. Did you ever have any communications with
- 8 anybody removing speech about the lab leak theory of
- 9 the origins of the COVID from social media platforms?
- 10 A. I don't recall ever having any
- 11 conversation. But again, no, I would say it would be
- 12 unlike me because I don't get involved in that sort
- 13 of stuff. Like I said, my association with social
- 14 media is almost zero. I don't have an account. I
- 15 don't tweet. I don't pay attention to social media.
- 16 I wouldn't know how to access a tweet if you paid me.
- 17 **Q.** Exhibit 34.
- 18 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 34 was marked for
- 19 identification.)
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. During 2020, was there a controversy about
- the effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine in treatment
- 23 **of COVID-19?**
- 24 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
- 25 Ambiguous.

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1	THE WITNESS: There were claims that
2	hydroxychloroquine was effective against coronavirus.
3	BY MR. SAUER:
4	Q. And did you disagree with those claims?
5	A. I did.
6	Q. What was your basis for disagreeing with
7	those claims?
8	A. Lack of any evidence whatsoever that
9	hydroxychloroquine was effective against coronavirus,
10	followed by clinical studies that showed that, in
11	fact, was not effective against hydroxychloroquine ^
12	and statements by clinical trials guideline groups
13	stating explicitly that there's no evidence
14	whatsoever that hydroxychloroquine works against
15	coronavirus.
16	Q. Did you you're referring to the studies
17	and so forth. Did you collect those studies yourself
18	and review them or did someone collect them for you?
19	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Assumes
20	evidence not in the record.
21	THE WITNESS: What studies are you
22	referring to?
23	MR. SAUER: Well, I think you referred to
24	studies.
25	THE WITNESS: Well, there were claims

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- 1 based on anecdotal data. And if you look at the
- 2 record, it was clear that when people made definitive
- 3 claims about efficacy based on anecdotal data that's
- 4 not scientific, that does not indicate that a drug is
- 5 effective.
- 6 Subsequently, papers were published
- 7 showing a lack of effect of hydroxychloroquine.
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. And my question is: Did you do all this
- 10 research yourself where you are getting all the
- 11 studies --
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. -- or did someone else do the research for
- 14 you?
- 15 A. I don't do research myself on the efficacy
- of drugs. The research is performed by researchers
- 17 who publish their data in peer-reviewed journals, and
- 18 that's how you get information that's applicable to
- 19 the real world.
- 20 Q. Did you have discussions with others in
- 21 NIAID about the efficacy of hydroxychloroguine?
- 22 A. The subject of the hydroxychloroquine and
- 23 the claims based on no data that hydroxychloroquine
- 24 was effective against coronavirus was a topic of
- 25 discussions on and off, both in NIAID and in the

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- 1 scientific community in general.
- 2 Q. Who did you discuss it with at NIAID, to
- 3 your recollection?
- 4 A. I'm sure I discussed it with a number of
- 5 people. Probably Dr. Cliff Lane, who was the
- 6 clinical director of my institute. It's likely that
- 7 I discussed the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine with
- 8 him.
- 9 Q. Anyone else within NIAID?
- 10 A. I'm -- I would imagine there were other
- 11 people. I don't specifically recall. But given the
- 12 fact that Cliff Lane is one of the top infectious
- 13 disease clinicians in the country and happens to be
- 14 my clinical director and the director of my division
- of clinical research, it is highly likely that I had
- 16 that discussion with him.
- 17 O. How about outside of NIAID? Anyone else
- 18 within government that you discussed its efficacy
- 19 with?
- 20 A. I can't say for sure. As I mentioned, it
- 21 was a topic of considerable discussion. So I would
- 22 not be surprised if somehow you pulled out a piece of
- 23 paper where I spoke to someone about it. It was a
- 24 very important subject because hydroxychloroquine can
- 25 have some deleterious effects in people, and it was

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- 1 concern within the established medical community that
- 2 based on claims based on no data, anecdotal data at
- 3 best that hydroxychloroguine works, that people would
- 4 be taking it, in which it does not help, but
- 5 possibly harms them.
- 6 Q. Is that one of the pieces of
- 7 misinformation or disinformation that may cause loss
- 8 of lives that you referred to earlier, in your view?
- 9 A. The claim, based on no data, juxtaposed on
- 10 clear-cut clinical data showing that
- 11 hydroxychloroquine does not work. If one propagates
- 12 this concept that hydroxychloroquine is highly
- 13 effective and people take it based on that
- information, which is incorrect, yes, that would be
- 15 misinformation or even disinformation that could lead
- 16 people to take a drug that would not help them, that
- 17 could possibly hurt them.
- 18 Q. Did you make a series of public statements
- 19 about the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine in the
- 20 **summer of 2020?**
- 21 A. I don't know when I made it, whether it
- 22 was the spring or the summer, but I definitely made
- 23 public statements. I recall, when people asked at a
- 24 White House press conference whether
- 25 hydroxychloroquine worked, and I said those data are

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- 1 anecdotal, and there's not definitive proof that it
- 2 works. So I have made public statements in places
- 3 like a White House press conference.
- 4 Q. Just looking at the exhibit in front of
- 5 you. This is a Politico article entitled, "Fauci:
- 6 Hydroxychloroquine not effective against
- 7 coronavirus." Correct?
- 8 A. That's what the title says, yes.
- 9 Q. And then the second page of it gives a
- 10 date of May 22nd, 2020. Correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And in the second paragraph there, it
- quotes you as saying, "The scientific data is really
- quite evident now about lack of efficacy; correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And the next page, when you said that,
- you're referring to the hydroxychloroguine; correct?
- 18 A. I guess so. I guess if the topic of
- 19 discussion was hydroxychloroquine, it isn't
- 20 explicitly stated hydroxychloroguine, but in the
- 21 antecedent paragraph, the author, Zachary Brennan,
- 22 is referring to hydroxychloroquine. So I would
- 23 imagine that I was also referring to
- 24 hydroxychloroquine.
- Q. And the next page, third page, it says,

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1	"Fauci's comments come days after the Lancet
2	published"
3	(Discussion off the record.)
4	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:37 p.m.
5	(Recess taken.)
6	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:38 p.m.
7	and we're back on the record.
8	BY MR. SAUER:
9	Q. Turning your attention to the third page
10	there, it says, "Fauci's comments come days after you
11	The Lancet published a 96,000-patient observational
12	study that concluded that hydroxychloroquine has no
13	effect on COVID-19 and may have even caused some
14	harm"; correct?
15	A. That's what it says, yes.
16	Q. It says that was that, in fact, the
17	basis of your statement that the scientific data is
18	really now quite evident about lack of efficacy?
19	A. That could be. Again, you're going back a
20	couple of years. It is quite consistent with that.
21	I can't say definitively that that was the specific
22	study that I was referring to. There was information
23	coming from a number of studies, some of which were
24	negative studies that showed that it did not work.
25	And others were positive studies to show that it did
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- 2 So this could have been the study that I
- 3 was referring to. I'm not 100 percent certain.
- 4 O. In the time frame, was there discussion
- 5 of -- was there a situation with the FDA first in
- 6 March of 2020 issuing an EUA as to
- 7 hydroxychloroquine? Did that occur, do you recall?
- A. I don't recall exactly when, but I -- and
- 9 again, you're going back and they may have -- I think
- 10 they did, but I'm not 100 percent sure, that they did
- 11 issue an EUA for the emergency use of
- 12 hydroxychloroquine, but I believe that that EUA was
- 13 subsequently pulled back.
- 14 Q. Would that have been in June of 2020?
- 15 A. Could possibly have been. I don't recall
- 16 exactly.
- 17 Q. Were you consulted in that process by the
- 18 FDA? Did you have any input on the decision by the
- 19 FDA to revoke the EUA?
- 20 A. I don't recall. It is possible that I was
- 21 but I don't recall.
- 22 Q. Do you have any recollection of why the
- 23 EUA was revoked?
- 24 A. I don't have any recollection now of why
- 25 it was revoked then, but I would imagine, as the data

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- 1 accumulated, that clinical trials showed a lack of
- 2 efficacy.
- 3 The criteria for an emergency use
- 4 authorization that a drug that has not been proven to
- 5 be effective, that the potential benefit of the drug
- 6 might outweigh the risk.
- 7 If data comes in to show that there's no
- 8 benefit for the drug, then that would be a basis for
- 9 pulling back on the EUA.
- 10 Q. Next 35.
- 11 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 35 was marked for
- 12 identification.)
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. Is this The Lancet study that was referred
- 15 to in the Politico article that we just discussed, to
- 16 your knowledge?
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 18 foundation.
- 19 BY MR. SAUER:
- 20 Q. If you know?
- 21 A. I don't know if it's the same article, to
- 22 be honest with you.
- 23 Q. If you look on the front page of this
- 24 exhibit on the right?
- 25 A. Yeah.

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1	Q. Do you see where it says at the top the
2	very top, "Published online May 22nd, 2020"?
3	A. Okay.
4	Q. The word "May" is under the D and
5	retracted.^ Do you see that?
6	A. Yeah.
7	Q. And that's five days before that Politico
8	article dated May 27th?
9	A. Right.
10	Q. And the Politico article referred to a
11	study in The Lancet that surveyed 96,000 patients;
12	correct?
13	A. That's what the Politico article says.
14	Q. And if you look at the third paragraph
15	here in the summary, the very beginning of it, it
16	says, "Findings: 96,032
17	A. Yeah.
18	Q patients
19	A. Right.
20	Q are discussed"?
21	Then this study was later retracted;
22	correct?
23	A. Well, it says "retracted" across the
24	front. I don't recall it being retracted, but if it
25	says "retracted"

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1	Q. Were you aware that it was retracted at
2	the time? Do you have any recollection of that?
3	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
4	foundation.
5	BY MR. SAUER:
6	Q. If you know?
7	A. I don't recall it being retracted. I
8	might have at the time heard that it was retracted,
9	but it wasn't the only paper that was on
10	hydroxychloroquine.
11	BY MR. SAUER:
12	Q. Did you was your opinion based
13	on other papers as well?
14	A. My I mean, I'm thinking back, then,
15	my my opinion of the effect of hydroxychloroquine
16	was based on accumulating data from a number of
17	studies. I don't recall specifically what those
18	studies are now.
19	Q. Some of obviously not every doctor
20	agreed with your views on hydroxychloroquine;
21	correct?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Argumentative.
23	THE WITNESS: Not every doctor agreed. I
24	don't think every doctor in the world agrees on
25	everything, but I'm sure there was some doctors who

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- 1 disagreed with it despite the fact that the evidence
- 2 was ample, accumulating, and continued to accumulate
- 3 that hydroxychloroquine was not effective.
- 4 BY MR. SAUER:
- 5 Q. Were you aware that there were doctors who
- 6 continued to prescribe it for their patients with
- 7 COVID?
- 8 A. I heard that doctors were continuing to
- 9 prescribe it.
- 10 Q. If a doctor makes that clinical judgment
- 11 with respect to their patient, are you qualified to
- 12 second guess that clinical judgment?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Argumentative.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't know what
- 15 you're talking about. Am I qualified to -- what do
- 16 you mean by qualified to question?
- 17 BY MR. SAUER:
- 18 Q. Well, do you have qualifications --
- 19 A. There's no -- you mean, like, a written
- 20 statement that says you are qualified to -- I'm not
- 21 sure what you mean am I qualified to.
- 22 Q. What is your qualification to second guess
- 23 a decision that's made between a doctor and their
- individual patient about the prescription of
- 25 hydroxychloroquine for -- to treat COVID?

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1	A. Well, I mean, you're using the word
2	"second guess." If a physician is prescribing a
3	medication that has no benefit and can clearly cause
4	harm, that would make me pause as to whether or not
5	that was an appropriate thing. When you say "second
6	guess," I'm wondering what you mean. Second guess,
7	go out and demonstrate in front of his or her office?
8	No, that's not it, but I can certainly have an
9	opinion that if a physician prescribes a medication
10	with no proven efficacy and clearcut potential
11	toxicity, then I would be concerned about that
12	because as a physician, I never want to see a patient
13	harmed by an intervention that has no benefit to
14	begin with.
15	Q. Were you aware or do you recall that in
16	July of 2020, a couple of months after the your
17	statement that from Politico that we talked about,
18	there were a group of doctors who had a posted a
19	video in front of the Supreme Court touting the
20	what they perceived as the benefits of
21	hydroxychloroquine?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
23	foundation.
24	THE WITNESS: I don't recall. I do
25	vaguely recall a group of doctors I forgot who

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- 1 they called themselves -- got up and were talking
- 2 about a bunch of things regarding COVID. I don't
- 3 precisely recall what they were saying.
- 4 BY MR. SAUER:
- 5 Q. You don't remember --
- 6 A. I think at the time I knew what they were
- 7 saying, but quite frankly, I've forgotten what they
- 8 were saying.
- 9 **Q.** Exhibit 36.
- 10 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 36 was marked for
- 11 identification.)
- 12 BY MR. SAUER:
- 13 Q. Do you recall appearing on Good Morning
- 14 America around July 27th or 28th of 2020?
- 15 A. No. I don't recall. Do you know how many
- 16 times I've appeared on television?
- 17 Q. I'm just asking if you remember this
- 18 particular one, sir.
- 19 A. Yeah, I don't recall.
- 20 Q. Can you turn to the fourth page -- or
- 21 fifth page of this document?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: What -- what -- the top of
- 23 the page, Mr. Sauer?
- MR. SAUER: There's white space and
- 25 then it says, "Responding to questions about an

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1	antimalarial drug."
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: I would ask for Dr. Fauci
3	to have the time to familiarize himself with this
4	document.
5	THE WITNESS: Yes. What about it?
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. And sorry. That that quote on
8	Page 5, you said on Good Morning America, "The
9	overwhelming prevailing clinical trials that have
10	looked at the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine have
11	indicated that it is not effective in coronavirus
12	disease"; correct?
13	A. Right. Correct.
14	Q. And do you recall those comments being
15	made in response to a video of doctors they called
16	themselves America's Frontline Doctors
17	A. Right.
18	Q appearing on the I think the steps
19	of the Supreme Court
20	A. Right.
21	Q and touting the perceived benefits of
22	that drug?
23	A. Right.
24	Q. Do you remember that?
25	A. Let's make sure we get the connections

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- 1 right. I do recall a group of doctors that were in
- 2 front of the Supreme Court. I guess there were six
- 3 or seven of them. One, I believe, was an
- 4 African-American woman, female physician, if I'm not
- 5 mistaken. Could be. I think that -- I think that's
- 6 the group that we were referring to who were in front
- 7 of the Supreme Court making a bit of statements. I
- 8 don't precisely recall what they were talking about,
- 9 but I know that in general the people who were
- 10 watching that were concerned about the -- the truth
- 11 of what they were saying. They were making -- I
- don't recall specifically what they were saying, but
- 13 there was some concern about the accuracy of what
- 14 they were saying.
- 15 **Q.** Exhibit 37.
- 16 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 37 was marked for
- 17 identification.)
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Mr. Sauer, I have one
- 19 version of this. Do you have two versions of that?
- THE WITNESS: I have one.
- 21 MR. KIRSCHNER: That's fine. What number
- 22 are we on?
- 23 BY MR. SAUER:
- 24 Q. This is a -- is this a Bret Baier article
- with the headline "Fauci uncensored:

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- 1 Hydroxychloroquine video. A bunch of people spouting
- 2 something that isn't true"
- 3 A. That's what it says.
- 4 Q. And the next -- if you look at the second
- 5 page, just look at the first paragraph of this --
- 6 this report. It quotes you appearing on MSNBC's
- 7 Andrea Mitchell Reports saying that a video
- 8 re-tweeted by President Trump that featured doctors
- 9 at a press conference touting hydroxychloroquine as a
- 10 coronavirus treatment was, quote, "people spouting
- something that isn't true"; correct?
- 12 A. That's what it says here.
- 13 Q. Do you recall saying that?
- 14 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 15 foundation.
- 16 THE WITNESS: You know, I certainly may
- 17 have said that. Yes, I think the general impression
- 18 that if one looked at the video, some -- I recall --
- 19 I don't know exactly, but it was pretty clear among
- 20 physicians and those involved that what was being
- 21 said on the steps in many respects didn't make much
- 22 medical sense.
- 23 BY MR. SAUER:
- 24 Q. In your review, what was being said was
- 25 that misinformation or disinformation that could lead

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- 2 A. Well, it's possible. I don't recall
- 3 exactly. If you want to play the tape for me and we
- 4 could go over it, and I could then properly answer
- 5 your question. I just know that there was a lot of
- 6 negative response on the overwhelming representation
- 7 of the medical community that was said on that press
- 8 conference on the steps, I believe, of the
- 9 Supreme Court. It was really quite unorthodox.
- 10 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't really follow what
- 11 you just said. You said there was an
- 12 overwhelming medical response --
- 13 A. In general, if you were to take a poll of
- 14 physicians in established medical centers throughout
- 15 the country and have them look at the tape of what
- 16 was being said at that time, I believe -- it's not
- 17 been proven, but I believe you would find that the
- 18 overwhelming majority would find that what was said
- 19 there really didn't make much medical sense.
- 20 Q. Did you take such a poll at the time?
- 21 A. I did not, but I know my community and
- 22 everyone who has ever looked at that just raised
- 23 their eyebrows and said what the heck are they
- 24 talking about?
- 25 Q. You say you know your community. Who in

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1	your community did you discuss the efficacy of
2	hydroxychloroquine with?
3	A. We discussed the efficacy of
4	hydroxychloroquine with a number of people in the
5	community.
6	Q. Can you name one?
7	A. Yeah, I can name a whole group.
8	Q. Please do.
9	A. We we have clinical trials I want to
10	get the correct name of it. It's the NIH Treatment
11	Guidelines Panel. The Treatment Guidelines Panel is
12	made up of, oh, I would say a total,
13	mostly physicians and health care providers, of about
14	40-plus individuals who are representative of the
15	infectious diseases community throughout the country.
16	Most of them are the chiefs of infectious
17	diseases throughout the medical centers in the
18	country. Harvard, Cornell, San Francisco. These are
19	the real leaders in infectious diseases in the
20	country. They came to a determination based on an
21	examination of all the literature that
22	hydroxychloroquine had no evidence at all of
23	efficacy.
24	Q. When was that determination made?
25	A. I don't know the exact date, but it is a

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- 1 group that can easily be asked about when that
- 2 occurred and you could find out on the record, but it
- 3 was very, very clear that that was the case that they
- 4 felt that way.
- 5 They kept an open mind, but they looked at
- 6 the literature and said that they really felt that
- 7 there was no evidence at all that
- 8 hydroxychloroquine -- and it isn't an individual
- 9 person. It's a treatment guidelines panels that
- 10 represents the leadership of infectious diseases in
- 11 the entire country.
- 12 Q. I'm going to give you Exhibit 38.
- 13 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 38 was marked for
- 14 identification.)
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. Do you see this Breitbart report that
- 17 says Facebook/Google/YouTube/Twitter censor viral
- 18 video of doctors, Capitol Hill Coronavirus press
- 19 conference?
- 20 A. Yes. I see that, another Breitbart
- 21 statement.
- 22 Q. And then can you turn to the third page
- of -- actually can you see what the date of this
- 24 report is?
- 25 A. The date. Let me see.

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- Q. Actually, if you turn to the third page there at the top, is the date, July 27, 2020.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. So this is within a day of the comments --
- 5 your comments to Good Morning America and Andrea
- 6 Mitchell that we just talked about. Correct?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection, lack of
- 8 foundation.
- 9 BY MR. SAUER:
- 10 Q. Is that correct?
- 11 A. I'm getting confused about dates here. So
- 12 let's go back, and what's the date of the Andrea
- 13 Mitchell thing?
- 14 Q. If you look at the last two exhibits,
- July 28th was your comment on Good Morning America.
- 16 Or the 27th.
- 17 A. On Tuesday, well the news article here, it
- 18 says: Updated July 28th. So I assume that the
- 19 statement was either July 28th or it was reported on
- 20 July 28th and the statement was July 27th. I can't
- 21 tell from this exhibit.
- 22 Q. So it would be within a day of this
- article we're looking at now, that's page 127;
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

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1	Q. Okay. So staying on the third page, the
2	report says Facebook entered a ^ video posted by
3	Breitbart News earlier today, which was the
4	top-performing Facebook post in the world Monday
5	afternoon of a press conference in DC held by the
6	group, America's Frontline Doctors. You see that?
7	A. I see that, yes.
8	Q. And that group and press conference has
9	been saying that that group and press conference
10	that you were disagreeing with in your two prior
11	statements; correct?
12	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
13	foundation. Speculative.
14	BY MR. SAUER:
15	Q. Your two prior statements to Andrea
16	Mitchell and to Good Morning America; correct?
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, objection. Lack of
18	foundation. Speculative.
19	THE WITNESS: It is likely it was that. I
20	can't say absolutely for sure, but if you were
21	talking about the press conference by a group of
22	doctors on the steps of wherever, the Capitol or the
23	Supreme Court, and I was referring to that, it is
24	likely that's what I was referring to but I can't say
25	for sure. I don't have a precise recollection of

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1 that. BY MR. SAUER: 2 3 0. Looking down on this page, do you see 4 under that big paragraph, there's a smaller paragraph 5 that says, "The video accumulated over 17 million 6 views during the eight hours it was hosted on 7 Facebook." Α. Correct. 9 Does the widespread dissemination of this Q. 10 video touting the benefits of hydroxychloroquine, 11 would that trouble you as a doctor who was concerned 12 about --13 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. 14 BY MR. SAUER: 15 -- misinformation and disinformation being 0. 16 disseminated? 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of foundation. 18 19 THE WITNESS: You know, I don't really pay much attention to the quantity. Like I said, for 20 2.1 maybe now the ninth or tenth time, I don't get 2.2 involved in social media stuff. I don't follow -- I 23 wouldn't even know how to access how many views 24 something has, so --BY MR. SAUER: 25

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- 1 If you were aware that a video did have 17 Q. 2 million views, would that you bother you as a doctor 3 who is concerned about the dissemination of 4 misinformation and disinformation about COVID 5 treatments? 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. 7 THE WITNESS: I don't know what 17 million views means. What's the denominator? Is 17 million a large amount? Is it a small amount? I don't go on 9 10 social media, so I don't know what 17 million views 11 means. 12 BY MR. SAUER: 13 Q. So that doesn't bother you or you have no 14 opinion one way or the other on that question; fair 15 to say? 16 Well, I don't know how to quantitate the 17 number of views with whatever it is, the point you're
- 19 Q. But those 17 million people watching that
- video, were those doctors standing on the steps of
- 21 the Supreme Court and touted the benefits of
- 22 hydroxychloroguine, would that bother you?
- 23 A. It would likely bother me if a very large
- 24 number of people were given information that was
- 25 not only based on no data, but in which data actually

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trying to make.

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- 1 showed that those statements were untrue.
- 2 As a physician who takes care of patients
- 3 and cares about the health of patients, I think that
- 4 information that spreads falseness not based on data,
- 5 as physician would be troublesome to me. What does
- 6 troublesome mean? Would I do anything about it? Not
- 7 necessarily at all. But it's just I don't like false
- 8 information that hurts patients.
- 9 Q. Could you turn two pages forward in that
- 10 document, please?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: When you say two pages
- 12 forward, you mean page 5 of 19?
- 13 MR. SAUER: Correct.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Okay. What do you want me
- 15 to look at?
- 16 BY MR. SAUER:
- 17 Q. Fourth paragraph down, there's a quote on
- 18 the Facebook copy, stating, "We removed the video for
- 19 sharing false information about curious and treatment
- 20 for treatment of COVID-19?"
- 21 A. That's what it says.
- MR. SAUER: Objection. Lack of
- 23 foundation.
- 24 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. Are you aware of anyone communicating with

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1	Facebook about that decision to remove the video?
2	A. I don't recall anybody communicating with
3	them about that. Could have been, but I don't recall
4	anybody I don't recall anybody communicating with
5	the social media people.
6	Q. Do you recall anyone at NIAID
7	communicating with social media people?
8	A. To my recollection, I don't recall. But I
9	don't know everything that everybody does. But I
10	don't recall anybody communicating with social media.
11	Q. Were you aware of anyone associated with
12	the federal government communicating with Facebook
13	about that decision?
14	A. I don't recall anyone in the federal
15	government that I know. They might have. Possible.
16	But I don't recall specifically anyone in the federal
17	government communicating with them.
18	Like I said, I don't pay attention to
19	those types of things. I have a really important day
20	job that I work at, so
21	Q. How about any other topics, setting aside
22	this America's Frontline Doctors, are you aware of
23	anyone the U.S. Government communicating with social
24	media platforms about what can and can't be posted on
25	their platform?

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1	A. You know, I have to say I don't recall any
2	of that. I mean, it could be that back then someone
3	did and brought it to my attention, but I don't
4	recall any federal official or anybody communicating
5	directly with social media. That doesn't ring a bell
6	for me now. That doesn't mean it hasn't happened.
7	It just doesn't ring a bell to me right now.
8	Q. Can you turn one page forward in this
9	exhibit, in that first full paragraph that goes all
10	the way across the page. "Facebook's decision to
11	censor the Livestream was quickly followed by
12	YouTube, the Google-owned video sharing platform"?
13	A. Yes, I knew of that.
14	Q. Or at the time, were you aware of Google
15	or YouTube pulling down this video about
16	hydroxychloroquine?
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
18	answered.
19	BY MR. SAUER:
20	Q. Were you aware?
21	A. Well, as I've said multiple times, I don't
22	pay attention to what social media organizations like
23	Google and YouTube and Twitter, and all that, what
24	they do because I'm not involved in that.
25	So was I aware could someone have

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- 1 cursorily mentioned to me that they did? Possibly.
- 2 And it probably went over my head, because that's not
- 3 something that I pay attention to.
- 4 Q. Next paragraph down, following Facebook
- 5 and YouTube's removal of the video, Twitter follows
- 6 suit, removing Breitbart News's Periscope Livestream
- 7 of the press conference; correct?
- 8 A. Where is that? What paragraph? I'm
- 9 sorry.
- 10 Q. Immediately below, there's a two line?
- 11 A. Yeah, I'm on the wrong page.
- 12 MR. KIRSCHNER: Dr. Fauci is on page 7 of
- 13 16. Turn back another page.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Okay. And what's the
- 15 paragraph, Mr. Sauer, you're talking about?
- 16 Yes, Twitter followed suit, removing
- 17 Breitbart's Periscope, whatever that is. Jack
- 18 Dorsey's platform also -- yeah.
- 19 BY MR. SAUER:
- 20 O. Same question. Were you aware at the time
- 21 that Twitter followed suit with Facebook and YouTube
- 22 and pulled this video down?
- 23 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 24 foundation.
- 25 BY MR. SAUER:

Were you aware?

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2	Α.	Ι	was	not	aware,	to	my	knowledge,	and	when

- 3 you say aware, it's possible that somebody walking in
- 4 the hall said, "Hey, did you hear this happened?"
- 5 Very likely, I would have paid no attention. Because
- 6 like I said, I do not get involved in any way with
- 7 social media. I don't have an account, I don't
- 8 tweet, I don't Facebook, and I don't pay attention to
- 9 that.

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Q.

- 10 So you keep asking questions about am
- 11 I aware of what's going on with people putting things
- down, I don't pay attention to what gets put up and
- 13 put down on social media.
- 14 Q. Are you generally aware of the terms of
- 15 service about content moderation on the social media
- 16 platform? Do you know anything about them?
- 17 A. Terms of service?
- 18 Q. Their policies with respect to what people
- 19 can and can post to social media. Do you have any
- 20 knowledge of what those policies say?
- 21 A. I'm not even knowing what you're talking
- 22 about. The answer would be, like I said -- I'll
- 23 repeat it again. I don't pay attention to social
- 24 media issues. That's something I don't do. I don't
- 25 follow it. I don't have an account. I don't follow

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- 1 it. I don't even know what the condition is.
- 2 O. Never once?
- A. Well, I can't say never ever. I'm sure
- 4 when you're in a place where there's thousands of
- 5 people, and you get thousands of e-mails, somebody
- 6 somewhere is going to say something and I'm going to
- 7 say, "Oh, good."
- 8 So if you're going to show me one time
- 9 where someone mentions, good. Show me.
- 10 **Q.** Exhibit 39.
- 11 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 39 was marked for
- 12 identification.)
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 O. This is a report from the Washington
- 15 Standard entitled "America's Frontline Doctors
- 16 website shut down." Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. And right there in the front page it
- indicates that this is dated August 1st, 2020?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. So this is just a couple of days after the
- 22 report about their video being pulled off Twitter,
- 23 Facebook and YouTube; correct?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 25 foundation.

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1	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm getting		
2	confused here. So it says the Washington Standard		
3	America's Frontline Doctors website shuts down on the		
4	first page. Now, what's the next issue you're		
5	pointing out to me?		
6	BY MR. SAUER:		
7	Q. Is the date of it August 1st, 2020?		
8	A. Yes, it is.		
9	Q. Were you aware of their website being		
10	taken down by their web hosting provider?		
11	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of		
12	foundation.		
13	THE WITNESS: I don't recall that. I		
14	might have been aware. Someone may have pointed it		
15	out to me, but that's not something, as I say, that		
16	would normally attract my attention or my interest.		
17	I could have been aware, but, again, I concentrate on		
18	other things besides this.		
19	BY MR. SAUER:		
20	Q. Do you still you testified about your		
21	views about the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine. Is		
22	that still your view today that there's still no		
23	evidence of its efficacy?		
24	A. Correct.		
25	Q. Are you aware of any metaanalyses of the		

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- 1 studies that have been done on a global scale of the
- 2 efficacy of hydroxychloroquine?
- A. I'm not specifically aware of that, but
- 4 there really are some real ^ failings of
- 5 metaanalyses, and when you get statisticians to look
- 6 at them, they often debunk some of those
- 7 metaanalyses.
- 8 Q. Do you recall saying in connection with
- 9 the discussion of hydroxychloroquine that a
- 10 randomized double blind placebo based study is the
- 11 gold standard?
- 12 A. That is the gold standard for everything.
- 13 It isn't always needed, but for the most part, it's
- 14 the gold standard.
- 15 Q. Do you remember criticizing publicly a --
- 16 a study done by -- a sort of real-time study done by
- 17 practitioners of the Henry Ford Medical Center who
- 18 has about a thousand participants that found an
- observational benefit to hydroxychloroguine?
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 21 foundation.
- 22 BY MR. SAUER:
- 23 Q. Do you remember that?
- 24 A. I don't recall. It's possible. I see a
- 25 lot of studies, hundreds and hundreds of studies

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- 1 that come across my desk. Some that are put there,
- 2 some that I find myself. So I can't say for sure
- 3 what my opinion or comment was on any given study.
- 4 O. Exhibit 40.
- 5 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 40 was marked for
- 6 identification.)
- 7 BY MR. SAUER:
- 8 Q. Is this the first page of a meta-analysis
- 9 of the studies addressing the efficacy of
- 10 hydroxychloroquine? Is that what it appears to be?
- 11 A. This is confusing. Global HCQ/CQ studies.
- 12 Let me read this paragraph first.
- I'm not sure what the summary is saying.
- 14 Negative evaluations typically ignore treatment
- 15 delay. Some in vitro evidence suggests that
- therapeutical level could not be reached, however,
- 17 that was incorrect.
- 18 Q. Let's just focus on that first sentence
- 19 for a minute, would you, where it says, 449 HCQ
- 20 COVID-19 studies; correct?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. HCQ is a common -- a Shortlander for
- 23 hydroxychloroquine; correct?
- 24 A. Right.
- Q. And it indicates there's -- 351 of these

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1	449 studies are peer reviewed; correct?			
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of			
3	foundation.			
4	BY MR. SAUER:			
5	Q. Is that what it says?			
6	A. 351 peer reviewed, 371 comparing treatment			
7	and control groups. Late treatment in high dosages			
8	may be harmful while early treatment consistently			
9	shows positive results.			
10	Q. Just focusing on that comparing treatment			
11	and control groups, is that a description of a			
12	placebo based double blind study?			
13	A. Well, it's not			
14	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection			
15	BY MR. SAUER:			
16	Q. To your understanding?			
17	A. To my			
18	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.			
19	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what they're			
20	referring to. There's a difference between a			
21	treatment and a control group versus a randomized			
22	placebo control group. Lack of randomization very			
23	infrequently leads to confusing, if not inaccurate,			
24	results. It depends on what the control group was.			
25	If it was a historical control, you want to make sure			

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- 1 that there were no confounding variables in the
- 2 control group that could have skewed the data, and
- 3 that's the reason why I said if you look at the
- 4 preponderance of evaluation of these studies by
- 5 groups such as the NIH clinical trials guideline
- 6 group, they come to the conclusion that the studies
- 7 that claim efficacy are statistically not valid
- 8 studies.
- 9 BY MR. SAUER:
- 10 Q. Would that apply to all 371 studies here
- 11 that are reported to --
- 12 A. If --
- 13 Q. If I may finish my question, please?
- 14 A. Oh. Please, go ahead.
- 15 Q. 371 comparing treatment and control groups
- 16 that indicates that early treatment, that is,
- 17 receiving hydroxychloroquine early within the course
- 18 of infection with the virus, consistently shows
- 19 positive results?
- 20 A. Yeah. That's what this says. I would
- 21 have go to back, take a look at the study, and
- 22 consult with our statisticians, who I believe were
- 23 the ones that looked at the study and allowed
- 24 the treatment guidelines panel, which, as I said, is
- 25 comprised of anywhere from 30 to 40 of the top

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- 1 infectious disease physicians in the country, have
- 2 still come to the conclusion that there's no evidence
- 3 that hydroxychloroguine works and that, in fact, it
- 4 can harm.
- 5 O. But that --
- 6 A. So you can show me this study, and I don't
- 7 see the study. It would probably take, when you talk
- 8 about meta-analysis, a long period of time to look at
- 9 each thing. What are they referring to as a control
- 10 group? Is it randomized or is it not randomized?
- 11 All of those factors play a major role in the
- 12 validity or not of a study.
- 13 Q. Are you familiar with the Great Barrington
- 14 Declaration?
- 15 A. Yes, I am.
- 16 O. What is the Great Barrington Declaration?
- 17 A. It's a declaration signed by a number of
- 18 people who proposed letting the virus circulate in
- 19 the community with the statement that you can protect
- 20 vulnerable people and if you let the virus circulate
- 21 freely, that you would get what's called herd
- 22 immunity, and then ultimately the virus would
- 23 essentially go to such a low level because of herd
- 24 immunity.
- Q. And if you look at Exhibit 40 in front of

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1 you, is that a copy of the Great Barrington 2 Declaration? 3 MR. KIRSCHNER: I think -- is this 4 Exhibit 41 or 40? 5 MR. SAUER: Forty-one, I apologize. (FAUCI Exhibit No. 41 was marked for 6 7 identification.) BY MR. SAUER: 9 Looking at Exhibit 41 in front of you, is 0. 10 that a copy of the Great Barrington Declaration? 11 Α. Well, it says on the front page Great 12 Barrington Declaration. I'm not sure if it is. Т have no reason to believe it isn't. 13 14 Did you ever review the Great Barrington 0. 15 Declaration? 16 Α. I have read it some time ago. 17 Flipping ahead to the third page where it 0. 18 says the Great Barrington Declaration at the top, 19 does that look like the Great Barrington Declaration? 20 Objection. Lack of MR. KIRSCHNER: 2.1 foundation. 2.2 THE WITNESS: What page are we on? 23 of 13? 24 BY MR. SAUER: 25 Correct. 0.

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	1	Α.	It says the Great Barrington Declaration.
	2	Q.	And is this familiar to you? You said
	3	you've read	d it before?
	4	Α.	I read it some time ago when it first came
	5	out.	
	6	Q.	At the end of the first paragraph there it
	7	just talks	about recommending an approach called
	8	focus prote	ection; correct?
	9	Α.	Right.
	10	Q.	And is that what you described earlier
	11	as	
	12	Α.	Right.
	13	Q.	by circulating among certain
	14	population	s
	15	Α.	Right.
	16	Q.	while trying to provide targeted
	17	protection	for more vulnerable population?
	18	Α.	I believe that's what they're referring
	19	to.	
	20	Q.	You this was published on October 4th,
	21	2020; corre	ect?
	22		MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
	23	foundation	•
	24		THE WITNESS: I don't know when it
	25	was publish	ned, to be honest with you.
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- 1 BY MR. SAUER:
- 2 Q. Well, flip ahead to Page 5 of 13 at the
- 3 very top.
- 4 A. It says on October 4th, the declaration
- 5 was authored and signed.
- 6 Q. Okay. So that's when at least it purports
- 7 to have been executed?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. Were you -- when did you become aware of
- 10 it after it was published?
- 11 A. I don't recall.
- 12 Q. Would it have been soon after that to your
- 13 **knowledge?**
- 14 A. Possibly. I don't recall.
- 15 Q. Do you know these three scientists who are
- 16 listed as the leaders of it -- or the authors of it,
- 17 Dr. Martin Kulldorff, Dr. Sunetra Gupta, and
- 18 Dr. Jay Bhattacharya?
- 19 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. Do you know them?
- 22 A. I don't know them. I know their names now
- 23 because it's been kicked around a fair amount over
- 24 the last -- period of time. I don't -- I don't know
- 25 them.

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- 1 Q. You did -- and you didn't -- were you
- 2 familiar with them or their reputations at the time
- 3 that this was published?
- 4 A. I don't know them so I'm not familiar with
- 5 them.
- 6 Q. Okay. Flipping ahead to Page 8 of 13.
- 7 There's a list -- in the list of joiners there,
- 8 second from the bottom, it lists Dr. Michael Levitt
- 9 at Stanford?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And he was a Nobel Prize winner?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Do you know him?
- 14 A. I don't know him. I've heard of him. I
- 15 don't know him.
- 16 Q. You said earlier, I think, that you don't
- 17 recall how you first became aware of the Great
- 18 Barrington Declaration?
- 19 A. I can't say the moment I became aware of
- 20 it. I don't recall. I became aware of it. I don't
- 21 know precisely when I became aware of it.
- 22 Q. Do you remember the context in which you
- 23 became aware of it? Was it raised to you by a
- 24 colleague or surfing the internet or something like
- 25 that?

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1 Α. I don't recall how that -- how that 2. occurred. 3 MR. KIRSCHNER: I would like to, Mr. Sauer, take a break in the next five minutes. 4 Do 5 you want to take a break now or do you want to take a break after the next exhibit. 6 7 MR. SAUER: Let's do it now. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Time is 2:17 8 p.m. and we're going off the record. 9 10 (Recess taken.) 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 2:28 p.m. 12 and we're back on the record. BY MR. SAUER: 13 14 Exhibit 42. Q. 15 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 42 was marked for 16 identification.) BY MR. SAUER: 17 18 Q. Dr. Fauci, do you recognize this e-mail dated October 8th, 2020, at 2:31 p.m.? 19 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of 2.1 foundation. 2.2 THE WITNESS: I don't recognize it like I 23 remember it, but it's sitting right in front of me and it's an e-mail from Francis Collins to myself and 24 Cliff Lane, with a copy to Larry Tabak. So I'll read 25

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it and see what it says. Yes, I've read it.
     BY MR. SAUER:
 3
                Do you remember getting this e-mail?
          Q.
                Yeah. Vaguely, yeah.
 4
 5
                Dr. Collins sent it to you on October 4th,
 6
     four days after the Great Barrington Declaration was
 7
     offered; correct?
 8
                MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. It says
 9
     October 8th on it.
10
     BY MR. SAUER:
11
          Q.
                Sorry. He sent it to you on October 8,
12
     after the Great Barrington Declaration was offered on
13
     October 4th. Correct?
14
         Α.
               Correct.
15
          ο.
               And he sent it to you and Cliff Lane;
16
     correct?
17
                Correct.
         Α.
18
                And he says, "Hi, Tony and Cliff. See
          Q.
     https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://gbdeclaration.org__;!!
20
     NtP9J7iH11vXGg!OfjQ3HS19TPlz9Q_r-u4RtZWR1naETdrZpFm3si212_
     NbcloUbvSz3asoQn-18Dm2C-z5uDtNV26mSJ8uMD5iM6vYqN78_3ajww$ "; correct?
21
22
          Α.
                Correct.
23
                And is that a reference to the Great
24
     Barrington Declaration?
25
                I believe so. I believe so. I would
         Α.
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1 imagine. It's a link and it says qbdeclaration, so I 2 would imagine. 3 Q. Did you read the Great Barrington 4 Declaration for the first time when you got this 5 Or do you not know? e-mail? 6 Α. I don't recall. 7 Did you click on that link when you got 0. 8 the e-mail? 9 I don't recall. Α. 10 He goes on to say, "This proposal from the Q. 11 three fringe epidemiologists who met with the 12 Secretary"; right? 13 Were you aware of those three authors of 14 the Great Barrington Declaration meeting with the 15 Secretary? 16 Α. I don't recall. This may have been my 17 first awareness of it, or I could have been 18 peripherally aware of it at the time. I can't say 19 for sure. 20 So you don't know -- when he refers to Q. 2.1 the three fringe epidemiologists, is he referring to 22 a prior conversation or communication where you 23 discussed them with him, if you know? 24 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection, speculative.

THE WITNESS: I don't know.

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1	BY MR. SAUER:
2	Q. You don't remember?
3	A. No.
4	Q. Do you recall Dr. Bhattacharya, Gupta and
5	Dr. Kulldorff meeting with Secretary Azar?
6	A. You know, I don't. I think after the
7	fact, I would have known because Francis said they
8	did. It is very likely, although I'm not 100 percent
9	sure that the meeting of the epidemiologists, authors
10	of the declaration with the Secretary, this was very
11	likely the first time it was brought to my attention,
12	although I can't say for sure. I would imagine
13	again, getting back to context, this is not something
14	that I would have been paying a lot of attention to.
15	I was knee deep in trying to do things like develop a
16	vaccine that wound up saving the lives of millions of
17	people. That's what I was doing at the time.
18	So an e-mail like this may not have
19	necessarily risen to the top of my awareness and
20	interest.
21	Q. So he goes on to say, "You believe that
22	this didn't catch your interest at the time that you
23	received it"?
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
25	Mischaracterizes his testimony.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: I don't know if it did or
- 2 not. I wouldn't imagine that I would be
- 3 overwhelmingly interested. I may have responded.
- 4 I'm sure you're going to pull out my e-mail and show
- 5 my response. But I don't recall -- this is an e-mail
- from Francis just bringing it to my attention. I
- 7 don't recall what, if any, was my response to this.
- 8 Q. It seems to be getting a lot of attention
- 9 and even a cosignature from a Nobel Prize winner,
- 10 Mike Levitt at Stanford.
- 11 A. Right.
- 12 Q. And that was the person we referred to a
- minute ago.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Then Dr. Collins goes on to say, "There
- 16 needs to be a quick and devastating published
- 17 takedown of his premises."
- 18 Do you know what he's referring to when he
- 19 talks about a quick and devastating takedown?
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 21 BY MR. SAUER:
- 22 Q. If you know.
- 23 A. I do not know what he was referring to. I
- 24 would imagine I was thinking that someone would take
- 25 the counterargument of what the premise was, and I

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1	believe,	vou	know.	knowing	now	what's	in	the
		1 0 0-	, ,					

- 2 declaration, the premise that you could actually
- 3 selectively target susceptible people and protect
- 4 them and yet let the virus spread through society
- 5 without doing considerable damage.
- I would imagine that that is the premise
- 7 that Dr. Collins felt was an invalid assumption.
- 8 Q. And did you discuss this with him at the
- 9 time? Did you talk to him about getting a quick and
- 10 devastating published takedown of the Great
- 11 Barrington Declaration?
- 12 A. I don't recall. You know, quick and
- devastating takedown, that doesn't sound like some
- 14 terminologies that I would use. So I don't believe I
- 15 had a conversation about that specific.
- 16 Q. And so you don't know specifically what he
- meant?
- 18 A. I don't know specifically what he meant.
- 19 But knowing Francis, he is a scholar. He's likely
- 20 talking about writing a scholarly article to contest
- 21 some of the premises. That's what I would imagine
- 22 Francis is referring to. That would be his style.
- 23 That if someone writes an article that he
- 24 disagrees with, that he would write a counterargument
- 25 to challenge the premises. Again, I don't know for

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1	sure, but knowing Francis, I believe that's what he
2	means, to provide a counterargument.
3	Q. Do you know for sure, then, what he meant
4	or we would ask him if if you know?
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
6	THE WITNESS: Again, I'm not sure
7	again, I'm not 100 percent sure. You can never be
8	sure what's in someone's mind, but knowing Francis,
9	he is a scholar, a fair person. Highly respected in
10	the community. When he talks about premises, just
11	the way he would with a scientific article with
12	scientific data, if he had an issue with it, he would
13	write a scholarly article to try and challenge it.
14	And I believe that's what he's referring
15	to.
16	BY MR. SAUER:
17	Q. Okay. He goes on in the e-mail to say, "I
18	don't see anything like that online yet. Is it
19	underway?" Do you see that?
20	A. I see that.
21	Q. Why would he think that you and Cliff Lane
22	would know whether or not there was a swift and
23	devastating takedown of this declaration underway?
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
25	THE WITNESS: Certainly speculative. I

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- 1 don't know what he meant. I just think he was
- 2 speaking bluntly. I don't think he was specifically
- 3 pointing to us to have known if there was something
- 4 online. He scours the online better than we do.
- 5 He's got an entire staff that does that.
- 6 So I think it was a just a casual comment,
- 7 "Hey, you guys. Did you see anything online yet?"
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. And he says not "Is there something up
- 10 there?" He says, "Is it underway?"
- 11 Did he have any reason to think that you
- 12 guys might be working on --
- 13 A. Absolutely not.
- 14 Q. Let me finish the question -- of some kind
- 15 of refutation of the Great Barrington Declaration?
- 16 A. No. This is not something I would
- 17 be involved in. As I told you, I have a very
- 18 important day job that is running a \$6.4 billion
- 19 institute. I would not be involved in examining this
- 20 and doing something that would, quote, counter it.
- 21 Q. Do you know why he copied Cliff Lane on
- 22 this e-mail with you?
- 23 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I don't know why he copied
- 25 Cliff. But as I mentioned, Cliff is the clinical

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- 1 director of the Institute, the deputy director for
- 2 clinical research, and a highly -- what's the right
- 3 word -- respected clinical scientist in the
- 4 institute.
- 5 So it would not be unusual for Francis to
- 6 send me an e-mail and have Cliff Lane, as my deputy
- 7 director for clinical research, be copied.
- 8 That would not be surprising.
- 9 BY MR. SAUER:
- 10 Q. Is Cliff Lane the same one who went on the
- 11 WHO-sponsored trip to China in February of 2020 that
- we talked about this morning?
- 13 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- 14 answered.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. Is he the same guy?
- 17 A. Cliff Lane is the same person, and the
- 18 same motivation that led to his going to China was
- 19 probably the same motivation that Francis copied him
- 20 in the e-mail, that he's highly respected and well
- 21 thought of and a very knowledgeable physician
- 22 scientist.
- Q. When he came back from China, he was the
- 24 one who had reported about China -- I think he called
- 25 them extreme lockdown measures being effective in

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1	controlling the spread of the virus. Do you recall
2	that?
3	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
4	answered.
5	THE WITNESS: I answered that question,
6	but he was the one that said social distancing that
7	they have done was, in fact, effective. He believes
8	in curtailing the spread of the virus.
9	BY MR. SAUER:
10	Q. Do you recall any discussions between you,
11	Francis Collin, and Cliff Lane in that time frame
12	of him returning from the WHO-sponsored trip to China
13	that related to the efficacy of extreme lockdown
14	measures or extreme social distancing measures?
15	A. We're going back to the same question. I
16	think I answered that. I think
17	Q. I'm just asking if you had any discussions
18	on that topic that I just described, you, Cliff Lane,
19	and Francis Collins back when Cliff Lane returned
20	from the trip to China?
21	A. Did we have any discussions about the
22	efficacy of of severe social distancing on
23	shutting down to spread a virus?
24	Q. Correct.
25	A. It's entirely possible that we had that

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- 1 conversation. I don't specifically recall that
- 2 conversation, but it would not be unusual. Cliff
- 3 went to China, and we wanted to find out what was
- 4 going on there to see if there could be any lessons
- 5 learned from what they were doing compared to what
- 6 we're doing.
- 7 O. Exhibit 43.
- 8 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 43 was marked for
- 9 identification.)
- 10 BY MR. SAUER:
- 11 Q. Do you recognize this e-mail exchange also
- dated October 8th, 2020?
- 13 A. You know, you say do I recognize it.
- 14 Q. Do you remember it?
- 15 A. I don't remember it, but now that you've
- 16 put it in front of me, it's got my name on it next to
- 17 "from" and Francis next to "to." So I get back to my
- 18 statement before. I receive literally thousands of
- 19 e-mails, many of which get screened. So I generally
- 20 wind up seeing only a few hundred.
- 21 I don't remember this one specifically,
- 22 but clearly it was sent by me to Francis.
- 23 Q. And to the same list of recipients on his
- e-mail to you that was in the previous exhibit;
- 25 correct?

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1	A. Right.
2	Q. And you said to him, "Francis, I'm pasting
3	in below a piece from The Wire ' that debunks this
4	theory"; correct?
5	A. That's what it says.
6	Q. If you look at the top, your the
7	subject line is the Great Barrington Declaration;
8	correct?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. And Francis responds to you "Excellent";
11	correct?
12	A. That's what it says.
13	Q. You've pasted in here an article from
14	Wired magazine by Matt Reynolds; right?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. How did you find that?
17	A. I don't recall.
18	Q. Did someone find it for you or did you
19	Google it yourself?
20	A. I don't recall.
21	Q. Do you know this author Matt Reynolds?
22	A. Doesn't ring a bell. I may have run into
23	him or interacted with him in the past, but doesn't
24	come out jump out of the page at me.
25	Q. Did you have any communications with

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1	Mr. Reynolds before he published this article?
2	A. I don't recall.
3	Q. Do you know of anyone at NIAID
4	communicating with him before publishing this
5	article?
6	A. I don't recall.
7	Q. Do you know Gregg Gonsalves?
8	A. I do.
9	Q. Who is he?
10	A. Gregg Gonsalves is the person on the
11	faculty of the Yale School of Public Health, I
12	believe, certainly Yale University of New Haven, who
13	formerly was a member of the AIDS activist group
14	ACT UP, and then a member of the therapy group, TAG,
15	treatment action group, of ACT UP.
16	Q. How long have you known him?
17	A. I've known Gregg since the first decade of
18	HIV. So I would imagine that would likely be
19	sometime in late 1980s, early 1990.
20	Q. Is he a friend of yours?
21	A. Well, it depends on what you mean by a
22	friend. He's someone I know. He's an associate. I
23	think he's a solid person. He cares deeply about
24	public health.
25	Yeah, I again, it depends on definition

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1 of friend or not. He's somebody that's more than just hello. I mean, I've -- I've interacted with him 2. 3 a fair amount. 4 0. Exhibit 44. 5 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 44 was marked for 6 identification.) BY MR. SAUER: 7 Q. Another e-mail chain between you, 9 Francis Collins, and Cliff Lane regarding the Great 10 Barrington Declaration; correct? 11 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of 12 foundation. THE WITNESS: This is an e-mail from me to 13 14 Francis in which I forwarded to him a commentary or a 15 Twitter, I quess, a commentary by Gregg Gonsalves 16 concerning the idea of herd immunity and focused 17 protection. BY MR. SAUER: 18 19 Q. And you said above -- sending that, you 20 said, "another refutation of the herd immunity 21 approach"; right? 2.2 Α. Correct. 23 0. And this is also addressing essentially 24 the approach -- the herd immunity approach, are you

there referring to the approach espoused by the

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1	authors of the Great Barrington Declaration?
2	A. Could be. I would imagine it was, but,
3	you know, since herd immunity was a significant
4	component of the declaration, I don't see specific
5	reference to the declaration here, but it is
6	compatible with this being referring to the
7	declaration, though I I don't see any specific
8	indication of it.
9	Q. Can you turn to the second page of this
10	document? In the Gonsalves article, the second
11	paragraph begins "However, after some
12	acknowledgment." Do you see that?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. And if you go about five lines down,
15	there's a sentence beginning "Fast forward to this
16	week." Do you see that?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. It says, "Fast forward to this week where
19	one of the Harvard professors in question,
20	Martin Kulldorff, along with Dr. Jay Bhattacharya
21	from Stanford University and Sunetra Gupta from the
22	University of Oxford were in DC meeting with
23	Scott Atlas ^ and Health and Human Services as
24	secretary Alex Azar ^ ?
25	A. Yes.

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1	Q. And then it goes on to say they were
2	promoting their new focus protection strategy;
3	correct?
4	A. That's what it says.
5	Q. And focus protection is a phrase used in
6	the Great Barrington Declaration; correct?
7	A. That's correct.
8	Q. Did you have any communications with
9	Gregg Gonsalves before he wrote this piece?
10	A. I don't recall. I might have. I don't
11	recall specifically having any communications with
12	Gregg before he wrote this. I might have, but I
13	don't know. It doesn't come out at me as something I
14	remember having a communication with him.
15	Q. Do you do you remember consulting
16	him consulting with you or anyone at NIAID staff in
17	any way about his piece on this?
18	A. You know, I don't recall. It's possible,
19	but I don't recall.
20	Q. Do you know what Francis Collins was going
21	to do with this information? You're sending him
22	these articles refuting the Great Barrington
23	Declaration. What was his plan to do with them?
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculation.
25	THE WITNESS: I don't know what his

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- 1 plan -- I think he was getting back to a prior e-mail
- 2 that you showed me. He was wondering what the
- 3 community in general's response was to the Great
- 4 Barrington Declaration, and I believe, if I can
- 5 recall from a few moments -- minutes ago when he was
- 6 talking -- is anybody else refuting this premise?
- 7 That's one of the things he asked in an e-mail he
- 8 sent to me.
- 9 So I would imagine -- I'm trying to piece
- 10 it together -- that the things that I forwarded to
- 11 Francis were in response to his question "Is anybody
- 12 else refuting this premise?" And this looks like a
- 13 refutation that I forwarded to him on October 8th and
- 14 then on that same day what Gregg Gonsalves tweeted.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. Do you know if Francis Collins has any
- 17 contacts or acquaintances that work for social media
- 18 companies?
- 19 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Calls for
- 20 speculation.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know of
- 22 Francis Collins's connection to any -- I don't know
- 23 of it. I mean, whether he does or not, I don't -- I
- 24 don't -- I have no knowledge of that.
- 25 BY MR. SAUER:

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1	Q. Does he have social media accounts?
2	A. His office does. I think he tweets. I
3	have heard he tweets. Since I don't have a Twitter
4	account, I don't see tweets.
5	Q. Exhibit 45.
6	MR. KIRSCHNER: Yes.
7	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 45 was marked for
8	identification.)
9	BY MR. SAUER:
10	Q. Before we before we get to this
11	exhibit, has Dr. Collins ever discussed with you the
12	content of matters posted on social media that you
13	recall?
14	A. I'm sorry. What's the question again?
15	Q. Has Dr. Collins ever discussed with you
16	the content of speech posted on social media?
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Ambiguous.
18	THE WITNESS: You know, I'm I'm not
19	sure.
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. Has he ever discussed with you any
22	communications that he or his staff has had with
23	social media companies?
24	A. Not specifically that I can recall. He
25	may have but, again, it's not something that rings a

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- 1 bell with me that I would remember.
- 2 Q. Can you look briefly at the exhibit in
- 3 front of you, Exhibit 45?
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. This is a Washington Post article dated
- 6 October 14th, 2020?
- 7 A. Right.
- 8 Q. And the headline is "Proposal to hasten
- 9 herd immunity to the coronavirus grabs White House
- 10 attention but appalls the top scientists"; correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. If you go to the fourth paragraph on the
- 13 first page, Dr. Collins quoted in this article --
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, I would ask for
- 15 Dr. Fauci to have an opportunity to familiarize
- 16 himself with this document.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Just give me a sec.
- 18 BY MR. SAUER:
- 19 Q. Do you see that -- the fourth paragraph on
- 20 the first page, where it says that, "A senior
- 21 administration official told reporters in a
- 22 background briefing called Monday that the proposed
- 23 strategy, which has been denounced by other
- infectious disease experts and called, quote, fringe,
- 25 and, quote, dangerous by NIH director Francis

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1	Collins."
2	Do you see that?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Did you consult with Dr. Collins before he
5	told the Washington Post that this was a fringe and
6	dangerous idea?
7	A. Yes.
8	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
9	foundation.
10	THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm not sure of the
11	connections because it's saying here, "which has been
12	denounced by other infectious disease experts and
13	called fringe and dangerous," whether Francis spoke
14	to Joel directly and said it was fringe and dangerous
15	or whether Joel was reporting on statements that
16	Francis Collins made not directly to him, but he may
17	have heard of statements that Francis made.
18	BY MR. SAUER:
19	Q. Why don't we flip ahead to page 4 of this
20	document 4 of 6 in the bottom left corner? You
21	A. Four of 5.
22	Q. Page 4 of 5?
23	A. Got it.
24	Q. You see that third full paragraph?
25	There's a quotation from Dr. Collins that says, "What

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1	I'm worried about with this is it's being presented
2	as a major alternative view that's held by large
3	numbers of experts in the scientific community."
4	That is not true, correct?
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
6	foundation.
7	THE WITNESS: That's what this says.
8	BY MR. SAUER:
9	Q. And he goes on to say in the next
10	paragraph, "This is a fringe component of
11	epidemiology. This is not mainstream science. It's
12	dangerous." Correct?
13	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
14	foundation.
15	THE WITNESS: Well, I'm reading the quote
16	from Dr. Collins.
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. Did he consult with you before he gave
19	that quote or made those statements to the Washington
20	Post?
21	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
22	foundation.
23	THE WITNESS: I can't say for sure whether
24	he consulted with me or spoke to me about it. It was
25	clear how Dr. Collins felt about the premise of the
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- 1 declaration. He felt that it was, in fact, an
- 2 ill-founded premise, and that it would be dangerous
- 3 because it would lead to the unnecessary infection,
- 4 sickness, hospitalization, and death of larger
- 5 numbers of people if you pulled back and let the
- 6 virus freely circulate, even if you tried to protect
- 7 targeted populations.
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. Did he think it would be dangerous if
- 10 those communications were conducted on social media
- 11 platforms?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection, speculative.
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. To your knowledge?
- 15 A. To my knowledge, I don't see a connection
- 16 here with what he's saying and things being spread on
- 17 social media, but perhaps, since a lot of things get
- 18 spread on social media, I'm sure that -- I'm not
- 19 sure, but that could have been something that he was
- 20 concerned about.
- 21 Q. Did you ever discuss that with him, his
- 22 concerns about it circulating on social media?
- 23 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- answered.
- THE WITNESS: You know, we've been down

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- 1 that question before. And I said, "I'm not certain
- 2 at all."
- 3 I've had discussions with Dr. Collins a
- 4 few years ago about these issues and I don't know if
- 5 we discussed the implications of social media on it.
- 6 BY MR. SAUER:
- 7 Q. Did you become aware -- did he -- did he
- 8 let's do the next exhibit, 46?
- 9 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 46 was marked for
- 10 identification.)
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. On October 13th at 3:36 p.m., did
- 13 Dr. Collins send you and some others a link to the
- 14 Washington Post article that we just looked at?
- 15 A. The link on the bottom, is that the same
- 16 article? I don't know if it is. Let me see if the
- 17 link is the same. "COVID herd immunity 2020," yeah,
- 18 it looks like it's the link to the article that we
- 19 were referring to.
- 20 Q. So this is on October 13th, which would be
- 21 the day after -- or no -- strike that. So he e-mails
- you and others and says, "My quotes in the article
- are accurate but will not be appreciated in the White
- 24 House"; correct?
- 25 A. It says here, "My quotes are accurate, but

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- 1 will not be appreciated in the White House."
- 2 Q. Did he discuss with you whether the White
- 3 House would approve the quotes he made about
- 4 the Great Barrington Declaration?
- 5 A. I don't recall him discussing whether they
- 6 would be appreciated or not, but he clearly states in
- 7 the e-mail to me -- is it to me? Yes, to me and
- 8 others -- that his quotes are accurate. Namely, that
- 9 he rejects the premise of herd immunity, but that
- 10 will not be appreciated in the White House.
- 11 Q. And you responded, "They are too busy with
- 12 other things to worry about this"?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. What you said was entirely correct?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. So was it your view at the time that the
- 17 Great Barrington Declaration was a fringe and
- 18 dangerous idea?
- 19 A. I'm not sure I would have categorized it
- 20 like that. I would say that the premise, I believe,
- 21 is invalid. And the invalid premise of
- 22 essentially letting the virus freely circulate under
- 23 the assumption which has already been proven to
- 24 be incorrect with the one million deaths that we've
- 25 had in the country, that the premise of allowing the

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- 1 virus to freely circulate is a premise that is
- 2 invalid because it is not possible to
- 3 selectively protect all the vulnerable people.
- 4 Q. Do you think --
- 5 A. So I agree that the premise of the Great
- 6 Barrington Declaration is ill-founded and incorrect
- 7 and I'm joined by the overwhelming majority of
- 8 physicians, public health officials, and
- 9 epidemiologists.
- 10 Q. Do you think it's nonsense?
- 11 A. You know, you're putting words. It could
- 12 be nonsense. In fact, I believe that you're going to
- 13 show me an e-mail shortly in which I call it
- 14 nonsense, you know.
- 15 Q. Why don't we go with that?
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 **Q.** Exhibit 47.
- 18 A. All right. Thank you.
- 19 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 47 was marked for
- 20 identification.)
- 21 BY MR. SAUER:
- 22 Q. Is this a -- can you look at that?
- 23 A. I see it.
- Q. Can you see this is an NBC News article
- 25 dated October 15, 2020.

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1	A. Correct.
2	Q. And the headline says, "Dr. Fauci says
3	letting the coronavirus spread to achieve herd
4	immunity is, quote, nonsense, and quote, dangerous."
5	Correct?
6	A. That is correct.
7	Q. Turn to the third page of the document in
8	the first full paragraph.
9	A. Right.
10	Q. You describe the view of letting everybody
11	get infected and then we'll have herd immunity. And
12	you say, "Quite frankly, that is nonsense and anybody
13	who knows anything about epidemiology will tell you
14	that that is nonsense and very dangerous." Correct?
15	A. That is correct.
16	Q. Were those the statements that you made at
17	the time?
18	A. That's the quote there. I have no reason
19	to believe that it's a misquote.
20	Q. Do you still believe that?
21	A. Do I believe that the Barrington
22	Declaration premise of letting the virus rip
23	through society and infect people, leading to their
24	illness, hospitalization, and death is nonsense and

dangerous? I still do.

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1	Q.	Are you an epidemiologist?
2	Δ	I'm an infectious disease person with s

- 3 pretty good experience in epidemiology.
- 4 Q. Is Dr. Bhattacharya an epidemiologist?
- 5 A. I don't know. I guess you'll have to look
- 6 up his credentials. I don't know precisely his
- 7 credentials.
- 8 Q. How about Dr. Kulldorff?
- 9 A. Again, I'm not familiar offhand with their
- 10 qualifications.
- 11 Q. So your statement was made within two days
- 12 of Dr. Collins' statement?
- 13 A. Right.
- Q. With the Washington Post; correct?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. Did you coordinate with making those
- 17 statements, discussing with each other that you were
- 18 going to make these statements criticizing the Great
- 19 Barrington Declaration, other than the e-mails you've
- 20 already seen?
- 21 A. I don't believe so, but I don't -- no, I'm
- 22 not -- that's not our style to be coordinating
- 23 things. I don't know -- it's possible we discussed
- 24 it, depending on what your coordination is.
- 25 Q. In this same time frame, did you become

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aware that the Great Barrington Declaration was being 1 2 censored in social media? 3 I'm not aware of anything being censored. 4 Like I said multiple times -- and I'll repeat it 5 again -- I don't follow what goes on on social media, 6 censoring or otherwise. That's not something that I 7 pay attention to. (FAUCI Exhibit No. 48 was marked for 9 identification.) BY MR. SAUER: 10 11 Q. Would you look at exhibit 48. And is this 12 an article from the website Spiked entitled, "Why has 13 Google censored the Great Barrington Declaration?" 14 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of 15 foundation. 16 THE WITNESS: The first page says: 17 has Google censored the Great Barrington Declaration? BY MR. SAUER: 18 19 Q. Without going into details of the article, 20 were you aware that there were reports that Google 2.1 had deboosted the Great Barrington Declaration in the 22 search results. So if you search for it on Google, 23 the declaration itself would be buried in the results 24 and you would only get articles that were critical of 25 it, like for example, the Washington Post article

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1	that quoted Francis Collins and the NBC?
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
3	foundation and compound. Many compounds.
4	BY MR. SAUER:
5	Q. Did you know about that?
6	A. Could you repeat ^ the specific question.
7	Did I know about what?
8	Q. Did you know about the fact that the Great
9	Barrington Declaration had been deboosted in people's
10	search results in the same time frame?
11	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
12	foundation.
13	BY MR. SAUER:
14	Q. Did you know?
15	A. I believe not. It is possible that
16	someone walking by the hall mentioned that to me.
17	But as I mentioned to you, I don't pay much attention
18	to what goes on in social media, and I certainly
19	would not have had this plop up on my radar screen so
20	I would say, "I can't say 100 percent," but it is
21	highly unlikely that I am aware was aware of, or
22	if I was, I paid any attention to this thing of
23	Google censoring the Great Barrington.
24	I don't pay attention to that whole

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1 I've said that maybe 50 times today. That's not what 2. I do. 3 0. Let me ask you a new question then. 4 Α. Sure. 5 Are you familiar with the social media 0. 6 platform Reddit? 7 Α. Reddit? Q. R-e-d-d-i-t? I'm heard the that term, but --9 Α. 10 Are you aware that Reddit also censored Q. 11 the Great Barrington Declaration, along with Google? 12 Objection. Lack of MR. KIRSCHNER: 13 foundation. 14 BY MR. SAUER: 15 If you know. 0. 16 Again, I'm not even sure what Reddit is, and so I don't think I could be aware of its 17 18 censoring. If I did -- was aware at one time, I 19 certainly didn't register it as something that I would want to remember. 20 2.1 Have you ever heard of YouTube? Q. 2.2 Have I ever heard of YouTube? Yes, I 23 have. There you go. I've heard of one thing, yeah. 24 Q. Were you aware that YouTube actually

amended its terms of service in October of 2020 to

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- 1 clarify that it would remove content related to the
- 2 Great Barrington Declaration?
- 3 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 4 foundation.
- 5 BY MR. SAUER:
- 6 Q. Do you know?
- 7 A. I don't know for sure whether someone
- 8 pointed that out to me, but, again, with the
- 9 repetitive theme that I keep saying if I was aware of
- 10 it, I would not have paid much attention to it.
- 11 Q. Exhibit 49.
- 12 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 49 was marked for
- 13 identification.)
- 14 BY MR. SAUER:
- 15 Q. This is a copy of YouTube's online site
- 16 admissions relations ' policy. Have you ever seen
- 17 it before?
- 18 A. Not to my recollection, no.
- 19 Q. And on the second page, there's a kind of
- 20 rolling chronology. Do you see on the second page in
- 21 the far left it indicates 2020 in the middle?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. And then there's various links. So if you
- 24 go on to the third page, there's one from October
- of 2020 called fighting misinformation?

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- 2 Q. And that indicates in kind of one sentence
- 3 that they have updated their COVID-19 medical
- 4 misinformation policy in October of 2020; correct?
- 5 A. Correct. It looks that way.
- 6 **Q.** Exhibit 50.
- 7 (Dr. Fauci Exhibit No. 50 was marked for
- 8 identification.)
- 9 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. What -- what was
- 10 the question? I didn't see any question.
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. Oh, I was -- now I was going to give you
- 13 what you get when you click on that. That's
- 14 Exhibit 50.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. Did I slide over an extra copy to you?
- 17 Oh, no. Here it is. Sorry.
- 18 I take it you've never seen this sort of
- document before either, Exhibit 50, the sort of
- 20 detailed version of the COVID-19 medical
- 21 misinformation policy that you're privy ^ to?
- 22 A. No. I don't recall ever seeing this
- 23 before.
- Q. Can you go to Page 4 of 5, the fourth
- 25 bullet point from the bottom on the list of items

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- 1 that YouTube does not allow on its platform, quote,
- 2 "Claims that achieving herd immunity through natural
- 3 infection is safer than vaccinating the population."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. I see it, yes.
- 6 Q. Is that a claim that paraphrases the
- 7 recommendations in the Great Barrington Declaration?
- 8 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 9 THE WITNESS: You know, I'm not sure. I
- 10 know that the Great Barrington Declaration promotes
- 11 the concept of herd immunity through natural
- 12 infection. I am not certain -- I don't recall if
- 13 they specifically mention that it's safer than
- 14 vaccinating the population. It might.
- 15 BY MR. SAUER:
- 16 Q. Did you have any knowledge of any update
- 17 to YouTube's terms of service in October of 2020 to
- 18 add that as a disfavored claim?
- 19 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- answered.
- 21 BY MR. SAUER:
- 22 Q. Did you? Yes or no?
- 23 A. Not to my knowledge. It doesn't ring a
- 24 bell.
- 25 Q. Do you know of anyone who communicated to

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1	YouTube ab	out that topic?
2	A.	Not to my knowledge.
3	Q.	Exhibit 51.
4		(FAUCI Exhibit No. 51 was marked for
5	identifica	tion.)
6	BY MR. SAU	UER:
7	Q.	This is Meta's online misinformation
8	policy, an	d I think we talked about earlier how Meta
9	is the com	pany that
10	Α.	Now I know what Meta is. We can proceed.
11	Q.	It's Facebook and Instagram.
12	Α.	Yes. Okay.
13	Q.	And the CEO of Meta is someone you're on a
14	first-name	basis with, a man called Mark Zuckerberg;
15	is that co	errect?
16		MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
17	Mischaract	erizes the evidence.
18		THE WITNESS: Yeah, right. I'm on a
19	first-name	e basis with a lot of people.
20	BY MR. SAU	JER:
21	Q.	Apparently. Did you do some PSAs with
22	Mark Zucke	rberg back in March of 2015?
23	Α.	I don't know
24	Q.	I'm sorry. March of 2020?
25	Α.	I'm not sure of the date, but I did some

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- 1 Facebook PSAs encouraging people to get vaccinated
- 2 and answering questions about the virus.
- 3 Q. And in your interrogatory responses, you
- 4 identify 13 communications with Mark Zuckerberg
- 5 consisting of both e-mails and phone calls.
- 6 Do you recall that?
- 7 A. Interrogatories, when you and I were
- 8 talking -- what is he talking about?
- 9 MR. KIRSCHNER: Well, Dr. Fauci, I would
- 10 ask not to talk about -- about our communications.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm not sure what you
- 12 mean by "interrogatory." What is that?
- 13 BY MR. SAUER:
- 14 Q. Did you prepare information in response to
- written discovery requests in this case identifying
- 16 13 communications with Mark Zuckerberg during 2020?
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Mr. Sauer, if you have a
- 18 document to show Dr. Fauci, I would ask that you
- 19 show --
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm not sure what
- 21 you're talking about. Interrogatory about -- show
- 22 me something, and I'll tell you.
- 23 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. Do you dispute that you had 13
- 25 conversations -- or communications with

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1	Mark Zuckerberg in 2020?
2	A. I don't know how many I had. I do know
3	some time ago that of the many, many, many thousands
4	of e-mails of mine that were FOIA'd, that someone
5	mentioned that there were e-mails between Mark and I.
6	And I don't know how many there were so I can't
7	answer the question completely accurately.
8	Q. Let me ask you this. Can you turn to
9	Page 4 of 12?
10	A. And remind me what's this this is the
11	misinformation policy document of
12	Q. Meta.
13	A. Meta, okay.
14	Q. Page 4 of 12 under Roman II, harmful
15	health misinformation, there's a bullet in bold
16	saying "Misinformation about vaccines"; correct?
17	A. Right.
18	Q. And it says, "We remove misinformation
19	primarily about vaccines when public health
20	authorities conclude that the information is
21	false and likely to directly contribute to imminent
22	vaccine refusals"; correct?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. Are you one of the public health
25	authorities whose conclusions Meta relies on when

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1	they're deciding to remove information?
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
3	THE WITNESS: I have no idea who the
4	public health authority is.
5	BY MR. SAUER:
6	Q. Did you ever have a conversation with
7	Mark Zuckerberg where he told you that you're a
8	respected public health authority?
9	A. Did I ever have a conversation with Mark
10	saying that I was a respected public health
11	authority?
12	Q. Or something like that.
13	A. My conversations with Mark are documented
14	on the PSAs that we have. I'm not sure whether he
15	said now I'm going to introduce the public health
16	authority. I'm not sure about that.
17	Q. How about in the phone calls you had with
18	him?
19	A. The phone calls, I believe, were related
20	to saying, you know, look forward to being on the PSA
21	with you. You got any questions about the technical
22	aspects of it or stuff like that. I don't think
23	there was anything more substantiative than that on
24	the e-mails.

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Q. Did anyone ever say to you that you're a

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- 1 public health authority that platforms like Meta and
- 2 Facebook and so forth would rely on in --
- 3 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 4 Q. If I may finish -- may rely on in
- 5 modulating content on their platform?
- 6 A. No, no. To my knowledge, I've never had
- 7 anyone mention me and my authority or my reputation
- 8 that has anything to do with influencing social media
- 9 platforms.
- 10 Q. After the Great Barrington Declaration was
- 11 published, did you ever communicate with anyone at
- 12 Stanford about it?
- 13 A. I don't recall. It's possible. Like I
- 14 say, I made thousands of phone calls and thousands of
- 15 e-mails. I may have, but I doubt it.
- 16 Q. Well, more generally, do you recall
- 17 communicating with anyone outside of the government
- 18 and aside from the reporters that quoted you about
- 19 the Great Barrington Declaration and its approach?
- 20 A. Outside of government, I don't know.
- 21 That's possible, but I don't recall.
- Q. How about do you know a man named Dr. Phil
- 23 Pizzo or Pizzo? P-I-Z-Z-O --
- 24 A. I do. I do.
- 25 **Q.** Who is he?

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1	A. Phil Pizzo is a pediatric infectious
2	disease expert who used to be at the NIH who then
3	went on to become the dean at the School of Medicine
4	at Stanford who now, I believe, is either dean
5	emeritus or professor emeritus at Stanford.
6	Q. And did you know him from his time at the
7	NIH?
8	A. I did.
9	Q. So you've known him for decades, then?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Did you ever contact him to discuss the
12	Great Barrington Declaration?
13	A. I don't recall. That's possible.
14	Q. Is it possible you had a conversation with
15	him about Dr. Jay Bhattacharya also at Stanford?
16	A. I don't recall.
17	Q. How about Lloyd Minor? Who's that?
18	Someone named Dr. Lloyd Minor?
19	A. I've heard the name. I it doesn't ring
20	a bell of any connection.
21	Q. How about Mark Tessier-Lavigne? Do you
22	know him?

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A. Mark is the current president of Stanford.

MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.

Did you ever have a conversation with him?

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Q.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I don't know what you
- 2 mean by a conversation with him. He used to be at
- 3 the Rockefeller Institution. I had conversations --
- 4 scientific conversations with him, and I met him at
- 5 meetings.
- 6 So I'm not sure what you mean. Yeah, I've
- 7 had conversations with Mark, but I don't recall the
- 8 content of the conversation.
- 9 BY MR. SAUER:
- 10 Q. Have you ever discussed the Great
- 11 Barrington Declaration with him? Or --
- 12 A. Not my knowledge.
- 13 Q. How about the focused protection or herd
- 14 immunity approaches?
- 15 A. I don't recall. These are possible. It's
- 16 not ringing a bell when you're asking that question.
- 17 Q. How about any of the following names:
- 18 Harry Greenberg? Do you know him?
- 19 A. Harry Greenberg is the scientist who used
- 20 to be at the NIH and is still now at Stanford.
- 21 Q. Did you ever talk to him about focused
- 22 protection or herd immunity?
- 23 A. I doubt it. I can't say 100 percent, but
- 24 I doubt it. I don't recall discussing this issue
- 25 with these people, but it's possible it came up in a

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- 1 discussion about something else, but I don't recall.
- 2 Q. How about Jack Rowe, R-o-w-e? Do you know
- 3 him?
- 4 A. I know Jack. I don't know him well. He
- 5 used to be the CEO of a medical center maybe in
- 6 New York. I'm not sure.
- 7 O. Do you know a scientist with the last name
- 8 of Ioannides, I-o-a-n-n-i-d-e-s?
- 9 A. I've heard of him. I don't know him.
- 10 I've heard the name Ioannides, but I don't know him.
- 11 Q. Are you are familiar with a serial
- 12 prevalence study of people in Santa Clara County from
- 13 March of 2020? It was done by him and some others.
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
- 15 THE WITNESS: No. It doesn't ring a bell.
- 16 BY MR. SAUER:
- 17 Q. So you don't remember there being a study
- 18 of the people in Santa Clara County early in the
- 19 pandemic to assess how widespread the virus already
- 20 was at that time?
- 21 A. Again, I get hundreds and hundreds of
- 22 studies that come across my desk. It is possible
- 23 that someone brought such a study to my attention,
- 24 but I don't specifically recall it.
- 25 **Q. Exhibit 52.**

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1	MR. KIRSCHNER: What time are we at?
2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 5:41.
3	MR. KIRSCHNER: What exhibit number is
4	this?
5	MR. SAUER: 52.
6	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 52 was marked for
7	identification.)
8	BY MR. SAUER:
9	Q. Is this an e-mail from Greg Folkers to you
10	dated November 2nd, 2020?
11	A. Me to Greg, November the 2nd. Greg to me,
12	November the 1st.
13	Q. Gotcha. So on November 1st, he sent you
14	a list of articles and highlighted the three he found
15	most useful?
16	A. Right.
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Is there a question,
18	Counsel?
19	BY MR. SAUER:
20	Q. Is that what he did in this e-mail?
21	A. It appears in this e-mail that he has sent
22	me, it looks like blanks maybe or at least titles of
23	articles let me read them see what connection
24	there is to the article.
25	(Reading.) "Herd Immunity, the false

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1	premise of the herd immunity."
2	Yeah, there's a bunch of articles to
3	from different scientific and lay press.
4	Q. And these are all articles that are
5	critical of the herd immunity approach of the Great
6	Barrington Declaration; correct?
7	A. Right.
8	Q. Do you know why Greg sent you these?
9	A. I don't recall. Greg would probably send
10	me something that I've asked for. So somehow, back
11	then, a couple of years ago, I asked for articles
12	concerning herd immunity and I believe he sent them.
13	Q. Did you forward these on to Francis
14	Collins?
15	Sorry. Were you still talking?
16	A. Yeah. I mean, I don't know. This would
17	be something Greg would do if I asked him to get some
18	articles for me. And looks like I likely and I
19	don't see the e-mail requesting them. I either
20	e-mailed him or called him up, or walked in his
21	office and said, "Get some articles on the issue of
22	herd immunity." Yes, so
23	Q. Did you ever communicate with the authors
24	of any of these articles about this topic?

A. I don't recall. I'm looking at the people

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- 1 here and I don't recognize the names, except for John
- 2 Barry and Gregg Gonsalves and ^^ Michelle -- some
- 3 people I know and I -- some people I've never heard
- 4 of. I don't recall if I communicated with any of
- 5 them about these articles.
- 6 Q. Which one do you know? Do you know John
- 7 Barry?
- 8 A. I know John Barry.
- 9 Q. And who else do you know?
- 10 A. All right. Let's go through the list.
- 11 John Barry.
- 12 I've been interviewed by Apoorva
- 13 Mandavilli and Sheryl Stolberg, two reporters for the
- 14 New York Times.
- 15 I've met Mark Lipschitz. I don't know him
- 16 well. I know Gregg Gonsalves, Carlos del Rio, and
- 17 Rochelle Walensky well.
- 18 Q. Did you communicate with any of those
- 19 people about the Great Barrington Declaration in any
- 20 connection?
- 21 A. I don't recall. I mean --
- 22 Q. Did you ever take any steps to ensure
- there would be an online criticism of the Great
- 24 Barrington Declaration in any --
- 25 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and

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1	answered.
2	THE WITNESS: I don't ever recall I
3	don't recall ever taking any steps to do anything
4	online or influence online criticism of them. I just
5	knew how I felt personally about the Great Barrington
6	Declaration and we already discussed that. I felt
7	that it was and is misguided and could lead to the
8	unnecessary infection, hospitalization, and death of
9	individuals if you follow the premise of the Great
10	Barrington Declaration.
11	BY MR. SAUER:
12	Q. Did you share that view with the people in
13	the media other than the ones we talked about?
14	A. I don't recall necessarily what I said to
15	people in the media, but my opinion of the nature of
16	the premise of the Great Barrington Declaration, I
17	believe, is reasonably well known and shared by a
18	very large number of scientists throughout the
19	country, as actually stated in some of these
20	articles.
21	Q. Are there large numbers of scientists who
22	disagree with your view, who signed the Great
23	Barrington Declaration?
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
25	THE WITNESS: I haven't quantitated the

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- 1 number of people. I haven't done a
- 2 quantitative study on the number of people who agree
- 3 with it. But I can tell you that I interact with a
- 4 lot of scientists in the country. And
- 5 overwhelmingly, they disagree with it.
- 6 BY MR. SAUER:
- 7 Q. Does that include the 15,000 who signed
- 8 it?
- 9 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Argumentative.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 0. It does or does not?
- 13 A. I haven't even looked at the names of the
- 14 15,000 who signed it. A lot of people sign petitions
- 15 and are not fully aware of what the implications of
- 16 those petitions are.
- 17 **Q.** Exhibit 53.
- 18 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 53 was marked for
- 19 identification.)
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. Can you turn to the second page of this
- e-mail chain on the bottom half? Do you see there's
- 23 an e-mail from someone at Twitter to a Carol Crawford
- 24 dated March 14th of 2020?
- 25 A. Right.

MR. KIRSCHNER:

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I would ask for Dr. Fauci

2	to be able to familiarize himself with this document.
3	THE WITNESS: I'm all confused. I don't
4	recognize anything on this piece of paper.
5	BY MR. SAUER:
6	Q. Could you just point to the part where I'm
7	pointing to where there's an e-mail from someone at

9 A. Right.

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- 10 Q. And this other client is @anthonyfauci\_
- 11 account. Correct?
- 12 A. Right. Yes.
- 13 Q. And the Twitter person says, "Hi CDC team.
- 14 A few folks have flagged this account to me wondering
- if it's real or not. Is it a legitimate account?"
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And there's a reference to an Anthony
- 19 Fauci Twitter account; correct?

Twitter to a ^^ Carol Cross?

- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. And then if you go up above, you see Carol
- 22 Crawford on March 14th, the response I'm adding
- 23 someone at NIH and someone at HHS to verify that.
- 24 A. Right.
- Q. And then if you go further up on the page,

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1	the NTU manner (matt Duime De man hour him)
1	the NIH person, Scott Prince. Do you know him?
2	A. No. I mean, it says here, "Deputy
3	director for public information." You know, I have
4	about six thousand employees work for me. I don't
5	recognize this name.
6	Q. But he works in NIH?
7	A. Yeah.
8	Q. Is that fair to say?
9	A. Yeah. He probably works in Building
10	1 which is the NIH director's office. Not my it
11	doesn't say NIAID, which means he doesn't work for
12	me.
13	Q. And he e-mailed Twitter back, and said,
14	"Fake/Imposter handle," and then in all caps,
15	"Please remove, exclamation point, exclamation point,
16	exclamation point." Correct?
17	A. That's what it says right here.
18	Q. Were you aware that staff at the NIH were
19	communicating with Twitter about removing accounts
20	from Twitter because they were impersonating you?
21	A. I don't I kind of vaguely recall that
22	there was a fake account of people using my name

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under false pretenses. I'm not 100 percent sure what

they did about it. I'm sure that when they found out

that it was a false account, that they would want it

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- 1 to be removed. I didn't say remove it. I believe I
- 2 have a communication staff that I'm sure, if they
- 3 found out it was a false and misleading account, that
- 4 they would want it to be removed.
- 5 O. And would your communication staff contact
- 6 the social media platforms to have that false and
- 7 misleading content removed?
- 8 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't know how they would
- 10 do it. Again, I said I don't pay attention to things
- 11 related to social media accounts.
- 12 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. Who's in your communication staff?
- 14 A. A lot of people.
- 15 Q. Can you name -- who's the leader of it?
- 16 A. Courtney Billet.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did you ever tell Courtney Billet
- 18 to communicate with a social media platform about
- 19 taking down an imposter account or fake account?
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
- answered.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I don't recall doing it, but
- 23 I assume, when Courtney found out that it was an
- 24 imposter handle, that she would have asked to take it
- 25 down herself, possibly without even telling me except

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- 1 to say, "There's an imposter account on you. We'll
- 2 take care of it." Something like that.
- 3 BY MR. SAUER:
- 4 Q. Do you remember her having that
- 5 conversation with you?
- 6 A. I don't specifically remember it, but I
- 7 vaguely remember somebody mentioning something about
- 8 an imposter account. I didn't even know what
- 9 an imposter account was. And I likely would have
- 10 said, "Well, how can they do that?"
- 11 And I found out that people do
- 12 imposter accounts, so I don't get involved in
- 13 searching for them or doing anything about them. We
- 14 have an entire communication staff that worries about
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. To be clear, your entire communication
- 17 staff worries about things like false and misleading
- 18 accounts like this on social media?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
- 20 Mischaracterizes the evidence -- or the testimony.
- 21 THE WITNESS: My staff worries about me,
- 22 not other people's accounts and what's spread on
- other people's -- they don't worry about -- they work
- 24 for me. They don't scour the social media looking
- 25 for things that may or may not be true.

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1 BY MR. SAUER: 2 Q. Do they scour social media looking for 3 imposter accounts or ^ accounts --4 I don't think they spend time looking for Α. 5 them, but when someone like Lauren Duvall says, "Hey, 6 we have an Anthony -- @Anthony Fauci, " and brings it 7 to the attention of the NIH, then they would obviously be concerned about an imposter account. 8 9 Turn to the first page. The HHS official Q. 10 says, "Thanks, Lauren. Is there anything else you 11 can do to block other variations of his name from 12 impersonations so we don't have this occur again"; 13 correct? 14 Objection. MR. KIRSCHNER: Speculative. 15 THE WITNESS: It says, "Thanks, Lauren." 16 They're trying to make sure that other people don't 17 impersonate me. BY MR. SAUER: 18 19 Q. Correct. 20 I think impersonating me is a bad thing,

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"Will freeze this at -- @ handle and some other

variations so no one can talk on that"; correct?

Perhaps. If you go further up on

March 14th, it says -- the Twitter official responds,

isn't it?

Q.

I think so.

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1	A. That's what it says.
2	Q. So they would freeze a number of different
3	account handles to make sure that no one uses them to
4	impersonate you?
5	A. I don't know what this I don't know
6	what this statement means. I don't I know it says
7	will freeze the @ handle and some other variations of
8	the @ handle. I don't know what they're referring
9	to.
10	Q. Let's do another exhibit.
11	A. I think what they're trying to say
12	possibly is that someone is impersonating me and
13	that's a bad thing, and they're trying to stop it.
14	Q. Correct. Specifically they're trying to
15	stop it by removing accounts from the social media
16	platform Twitter; correct?
17	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
18	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure where you're
19	going with this, but I believe if someone is saying
20	they're Fauci and they're not, that that would
21	be disturbing to my communication staff.
22	BY MR. SAUER:
23	Q. Exhibit 54.
24	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 54 was marked for
25	identification.)

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1 BY MR. SAUER: 2 Q. Can you look at the third page of this 3 e-mail chain? At the very bottom there's an e-mail 4 from someone called Nicole Burkholtz or Burkes. 5 Do you see that? 6 Α. Nicole Berkowitz, yes. 7 Do you know who she is? Q. I don't recognize the name. Α. 9 And if you look at this e-mail, if you 0. 10 look up at the top of this e-mail, it looks like she 11 sent an e-mail to the NIH.gov list? 12 It looks that way, yes. Α. 13 Q. Do you know what that list is? 14 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Spec- --15 BY MR. SAUER: 16 Q. F --17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Sorry. 18 BY MR. SAUER: 19 @list.NIH.gov? Q. No, I don't know what that is. I mean, it 20 2.1 says "NIH.gov" so it has something to do with the 22 NIH, but I don't really know what @list is. 23 Third paragraph down in her e-mail there 0. 24 she says, "Reason for the request, I have come across 25 a very misleading YouTube video titled "How to Kill

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- 1 Coronavirus" that because of the unfortunate
- 2 placement of the ad banner and the algorithm which
- 3 chose my ad makes it look like this is a CDC video on
- 4 COVID-19"; correct?
- 5 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 6 foundation, and I would ask for Dr. Fauci to have an
- 7 opportunity to familiarize himself with this
- 8 document.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Let me read it. Hold
- 10 on.
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. Do you see that reference?
- 13 A. I don't know what this is. This looks
- 14 like a CDC thing. Let me read it carefully so that I
- 15 can answer your question.
- Okay. So what's the question? I'm sorry.
- 17 Q. Were you aware of someone -- or do you see
- 18 where she refer -- describes the content of the video
- 19 she's looked at as incredibly dangerous information?
- 20 A. Yeah, and I want to make sure I'm not
- 21 confused. So she is an NIH -- who is she?
- 22 Q. I think if you look at the next page,
- 23 she's identified as a communications lead for the
- 24 EPA. Do you see that?
- 25 A. Where's that next page?

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1	Q.	The very next page. The one we're looking
2	at.	
3	Α.	This one? EPA.gov.
4	Q.	Yeah.
5	Α.	Environmental Protection Agency; right?
6	Q.	Let me ask you this: Did you have any
7	knowledge	of someone from the EPA consulting with an
8	NIH list t	o try and find a contact at social media to
9	have dange	rous information taken out?
10	А.	I don't have any recollection of any of
11	this.	
12	Q.	Let's move on to another exhibit.
13	Α.	I don't even know what you're talking
14	about.	
15		(FAUCI Exhibit No. 55 was marked for
16	identifica	tion.)
17	BY MR. SAU	ER:
18	Q.	Here's an e-mail chain from April of 2020.
19	Can you tu	rn to the second-to-last page where there's
20	an e-mail	from someone called Judith Lavelle of NIAID
21	sent to Fa	cebook?
22	Α.	Yeah.
23	Q.	And here do you know who Judith Lavelle
24	is?	
25	А.	She it says NIAID, NIH. So I'm the

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- 1 director of NIAID. So she obviously works in my
- 2 multi-thousand-person institute. So maybe I've run
- 3 into her, and I don't know exactly what she does.
- 4 Q. And the next page it indicates she's a
- 5 technical writer editor in her signature block.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Right. And she's located at Fishers Lane,
- 8 which is not the building that you and I are now
- 9 sitting in. So it is unlikely I would have run into
- 10 her.
- 11 Q. She's copied on this e-mail someone called
- 12 Jennifer Routh at the last CRC. Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Who is Jennifer Routh?
- 15 A. Jennifer Routh is a member of my
- 16 communications staff.
- 17 Q. Is Judith Lavelle a member of your
- 18 communications staff?
- 19 A. Let me look. It says Judith Lavelle,
- 20 technical writer editor. So that would probably put
- 21 her in the communications staff.
- 22 Q. Okay. So she is on the communications
- 23 team?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: Well, that's what technical

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- 1 writers generally fall under, the broad group of
- 2 communications all under Courtney Billet.
- 3 BY MR. SAUER:
- 4 Q. And she's e-mailed Facebook and said, "We
- 5 wanted to flag a few more fake Dr. Fauci accounts on
- 6 Facebook and Instagram for you." Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And she says she's also reported them from
- 9 at NIAID and her personal Facebook account; correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And there's a list of about eight accounts
- 12 there in this e-mail?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And then if you flip to the next page,
- 15 there's another one called Dr. Fauci the hero where
- she says, "I think this one may be fine as a fan page
- 17 but just as a reminder that it could have been more
- 18 clear"; correct?
- 19 A. That's what it says.
- 20 Q. So really you -- were you aware that, in
- 21 fact, your communications staff was flagging many
- 22 fake accounts from Facebook to have them removed?
- 23 A. I was not aware that they were flagging
- 24 many accounts, but from looking at this, they are
- 25 trying to get rid of fake accounts because fake

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1	accounts are bad things, I believe.
2	Q. "They" are "they" are your
3	communications staff, right, when you say "they are
4	working to remove fake accounts"?
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection.
6	Mischaracterizes testimony.
7	THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm not sure what
8	you're saying or what you're getting at, but I'm
9	reading here that there are people that are using my
10	name falsely and creating fake accounts which people
11	in the communications staff saying that this is
12	troubling because they're doing things like selling
13	masks and doing things like that.
14	So I think that that would be kind of
15	appropriate for my communications staff to be
16	concerned when people are falsely impersonating me.
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. Are some of them parody accounts?
19	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
20	THE WITNESS: Who?
21	BY MR. SAUER:
22	Q. Parody.
23	If I may finish the question?
24	Are some of them parody accounts?
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.

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1 THE WITNESS: What is a parody account? 2 BY MR. SAUER: 3 0. Someone pretending to be you in a way 4 that's ironic or making a point. 5 MR. KIRSCHNER: Again, objection. 6 Speculative. 7 THE WITNESS: I don't know what these are. I just got a bunch of links to them. I'm not sure 9 what they are. BY MR. SAUER: 10 11 Q. And there's one more. She sent a second 12 e-mail flagging one more -- apologies for one more in 13 the middle of that page. Do you see that? 14 Apologies for one more, right. Α. 15 And then the -- directly above that, the Q. 16 Facebook person responds, "Hi, all, flagged this for 17 the fake accounts team and they have confirmed that 18 all but two accounts were removed for the impersonation of Dr. Fauci"; correct? 19 20 Α. Right. Right. Impersonation are bad 2.1 things. 2.2 And bad things should be removed from Q. 23 social media on your --24 Α. No. I mean, I think when someone says 25 they're me and they're not me, I think someone should

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1	take a close look at that.
2	Q. Should someone take a close look at other
3	false statements on social media?
4	A. That's not my lane. I don't I never
5	get involved in that, nor do I concentrate on that,
6	so I don't have an opinion on that. Like I've told
7	you maybe now, I can repeat it for the hundredth
8	time, I really don't get involved in social media
9	issues.
10	Q. Do people on your communication staff get
11	involved in social media issues regarding false
12	information or misinformation?
13	A. Not to my knowledge.
14	Q. If I may finish my question.
15	Other than impersonation accounts?
16	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
17	THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, they don't
18	get involved in trying to influence social media in
19	any way. But when someone impersonates me, I think
20	it's totally appropriate for them to be concerned
21	about that.
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: And after this, can we
23	take a break?
24	MR. SAUER: Why don't we do that now?
25	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 3:39 p.m.

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1	and we are going off the record.
2	(Recess.)
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 3:55 p.m.
4	and we're back on the record.
5	BY MR. SAUER:
6	Q. Dr. Fauci, do you know Sylvia Burwell?
7	A. I do.
8	Q. Who's that?
9	A. Sylvia Burwell is the former Secretary of
10	the Department of Health and Human Services and the
11	current president of American University.
12	Q. Did she e-mail you in February of 2020
13	asking whether she should wear a mask if she was
14	traveling in an airport in the early stages of the
15	pandemic?
16	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
17	THE WITNESS: Sylvia has, over the past
18	couple of years, asked me advice about personal
19	safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. And in particular, in February of 2020,
22	did she e-mail you and say, "I am traveling to
23	redacted folks are suggesting I take a mask
24	through the airport. Is this something I should do?"
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of

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1	foundation.
2	THE WITNESS: You know, I don't recall
3	specifically that. I I do know that Sylvia has
4	called me over the last couple of years asking me
5	questions about health. I don't specifically recall
6	that.
7	BY MR. SAUER:
8	Q. Do you recall writing this in response:
9	"Masks are really for infected people to prevent them
10	from spreading infection to people who are not
11	infected, rather than protecting uninfected people
12	from acquiring infection. The typical mask you buy
13	in the drugstore is not really effective in keeping
14	out virus, which is small enough to pass through
15	material. It might, however, provide some slight
16	benefit in keep out gross droplets if someone coughs
17	or sneezes on you. I do not recommend that you wear
18	a mask, particularly since you're going to a low risk
19	location."
20	Do you recall writing that?
21	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
22	foundation.
23	THE WITNESS: I vaguely recall talking to
24	her about certain safety issues regarding masks.
25	BY MR. SAUER:

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1	Q. Do you specifically recall recommending
2	that she not wear a mask as she's traveling
3	A. If that's an accurate I mean, you're
4	asking if I recall?
5	Q. Yeah.
6	A. I don't recall. I mean, these things
7	thousands of things happen. If you show me an e-mail
8	that has my name and the proper identification and I
9	said that, I would not argue with you. It would not
10	be out of the question that at that time in the
11	outbreak, I would have said that.
12	Q. In fact, you made several statements that
13	are similar to that at that time frame; fair to say?
14	A. Yeah.
15	Q. Saying that masks are not effective
16	A. Yeah.
17	Q in keeping out the virus, and I don't
18	recommend you wear masks, in February of 2020?
19	A. Yeah, in the very early months prior to
20	our understanding of the virus and its modality of
21	transmission, I, the surgeon general, and the CDC
22	were not recommending masks for people for three
23	reasons. I'd be happy to tell you those three
24	reasons.
25	Q. Please do.

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1	A. The three reasons are as follows: There
2	was this understanding and discussion that the best
3	masks that we used in hospitals were in short supply,
4	and if people did a run on masks and bought them all,
5	that masks would not be available for the people in
6	the medical community who needed them; point number
7	one.
8	Point number two, there was no evidence at
9	the time or any studies that showed outside of the
10	medical environment, i.e., in a hospital or in an
11	ICU, that masks actually worked in protecting
12	transmission or acquisition. At the time, there were
13	no studies. And thirdly, we were not aware at the
14	time that 50 to 60 percent of the transmission occur
15	from someone who is without symptoms, either someone
16	who never will develop symptoms or someone who is in
17	the presymptomatic stage.
18	So based on those three considerations,
19	both myself, the surgeon general, and the CDC were
20	saying you really don't need to wear masks. Then
21	things changed. Three things changed: A, it was
22	clear that there was not a shortage, and that if
23	people wore masks, they would not be taking masks
24	away from the medical community. Two, it became
25	clear that there was an asymptomatic spread of

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- 1 of -- of virus where people walking around not
- 2 knowing they're infected were spreading virus. And
- 3 then three, it became clear -- let me see. It was
- 4 three? There was asymptomatic spread -- oh.
- 5 Evidence began accumulating that masks actually
- 6 work in preventing acquisition and transmission.
- 7 So the three reasons that I might have
- 8 said and did say -- if that is correct -- that you
- 9 don't need to wear a mask now, particularly in a low
- 10 risk situation, the basis for those statements
- 11 dramatically changed over a period of time, which
- 12 then made me be a very vocal proponent of wearing
- 13 masks.
- 14 Q. And you became a vocal proponent as soon
- as April 3rd of 2020 -- correct -- when you joined a
- 16 universal recommendation --
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. -- a recommendation for universal masking;
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. I'm not sure of the dates, why --
- 21 Q. How many studies were done between
- 22 February of 2020, when you e-mailed Ms. Burwell and
- 23 told her that "the typical mask you buy in the
- 24 drugstore is not really effective in keeping out
- virus, which is small enough to pass through the

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- 1 material," between when you said that and April 3rd
- of 2020, what studies were done of the efficacy of
- 3 masks --
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. -- in preventing the spread of -- of
- 6 COVID-19?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I could find those and --
- 9 and get them for you, but I don't have them in my
- 10 fingertips right now.
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 Q. Who'd you consult with about the efficacy
- of masks during that time period? Who'd you talk to
- in the government about it?
- 15 A. I don't recall who I spoke to.
- 16 Q. Did your opinion on masking change based
- 17 on new information and new scientific evidence that
- 18 came forward?
- 19 A. I believe it did, yes.
- Q. Was there disputes about the efficacy of
- 21 masking at that time?
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
- 23 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. For example, on March 31st, 2020, where
- 25 you forwarded a -- a study showing that masking is

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- ineffective; a review of masking on March 31st, 2020
- 2 that said there was no evidence that masks works --
- 3 that masks worked?
- 4 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 5 foundation.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't recall that,
- 7 so I'm not able to answer that accurately, I believe.
- 8 BY MR. SAUER:
- 9 Q. Is it important for that kind of
- development of your view that you had access to both
- 11 sides of that debate?
- 12 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 13 foundation. Vague.
- 14 THE WITNESS: You always have access to
- 15 both sides of the debate.
- 16 BY MR. SAUER:
- 17 Q. Do you? In science, do you always have
- 18 access to both sides of the debate?
- 19 A. Most of time.
- 20 Q. Is that important for people --
- A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. -- to have access to both sides of the
- 23 debate?
- 24 A. Yeah, and then you make a decision based
- on your judgment based on the preponderance of the

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1	correct data.
2	Q. Right. And so you would look at the
3	studies
4	A. Yeah.
5	Q that come one way
6	A. Yeah.
7	Q or the opinions
8	A. Sure.
9	Q one way and look at the studies that go
10	the other way? Is that
11	A. Yeah, but often there are studies that
12	when you subject them to proper physical statistical
13	analysis, that the conclusions don't hold up; that
14	happens often. So you've got to be careful when
15	you're looking at one study versus another that it
16	goes through the proper statistical analysis and
17	there's proper design.
18	Q. Part of the reason that you recommended
19	against masking in February was to avoid too many
20	people going out and buying masks to ensure that they
21	were available for
22	A. That was one of the reasons, yes.
23	Q to be available for healthcare
24	providers; correct?
25	A. That was one of the reasons is that we

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- 2 force meeting, that there was a shortage of masks,
- 3 and that if, in fact, there was a run on the purchase
- 4 of masks, that that could potentially lead to a
- 5 shortage for the healthcare providers that really
- 6 needed them.
- 7 O. So the recommendation you gave as to masks
- 8 was motivated in part by not wanting people to go out
- 9 and -- and buy a bunch of masks, so that the people
- 10 who really needed them wouldn't have them?
- 11 A. That was one of the considerations that
- 12 was discussed at the coronavirus task force, that
- 13 there was a shortage of masks, which led to a lot of
- 14 activities of trying to increase the supply of masks,
- 15 either by importing them because many of the masks
- 16 were made outside of the United States, increasing
- 17 production of masks, or using alternative masks, such
- 18 as cloth masks. So the -- the discussion, the
- 19 dialogue -- the discussion at the time was that there
- 20 is a shortage of masks. We were trying desperately
- 21 to get masks as well other personal protective
- 22 equipment into the country, and there was a concern
- 23 that there was a shortage of them. That was one of
- 24 the considerations which went into a lack of
- 25 promoting, go out and buy masks and wear masks.

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1	Q. Were there placebo-based, randomized,
2	double-blind studies of the efficacy of masking that
3	were done between February and April of 2020?
4	A. I don't recall. I'd have to go back and
5	take a close look at the literature. I don't recall.
6	Q. Have you seen any studies that contradict
7	the efficacy of masking?
8	A. There were some studies early on I
9	don't know the dates of them that made the
10	statement that masks were not effective. When those
11	studies were subject to statistical scrutinization,
12	they were felt to be not definitive.
13	Subsequent to that time, there have been
14	studies to indicate that in situations where mask
15	wearing was compared to not mask wearing, that masks
16	clearly have an effect.
17	Q. In a situation like this, a debate about
18	the efficacy of mask wearing, is it important for
19	people to have access to both sides of the debate but
20	to propose to expose the different viewpoints
21	reflected in the debate?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Argumentative.
23	BY MR. SAUER:
24	Q. Is it important?
25	A. Is it important for people? I think it's

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- 1 important for people to have all of the information
- 2 that's available.
- Q. And so they can assess what's good
- 4 information and what's bad information?
- 5 A. Yeah. Well, you know, it depends. If
- 6 information is clearly inadequate and statistically
- 7 not sound, there can be a danger in people who don't
- 8 have the ability or the experience of being able to
- 9 understand that it's a flawed study, that that's when
- 10 the literature is self-correcting. Science is
- 11 self-correcting.
- 12 So if you have something that makes a
- 13 certain statement based on data that isn't
- 14 statistically significant, that often there are
- 15 studies that come out and examine that and do
- 16 proper statistical analysis to try and get the real
- 17 truth of what the data are showing.
- 18 MR. SAUER: Can you give the witness
- 19 Exhibit 56?
- 20 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 56 was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- 22 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. It's right there. We marked it before the
- 24 break.
- 25 Here's an e-mail chain from October

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1	of 2020. Do you see that at the top?
2	A. October 30th, 2020, from Jen Routh?
3	Q. Yeah, and she's on your communications
4	team; is that right?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And she's e-mailing with people some
7	people from with Google.com e-mail addresses in
8	the "to" line?
9	A. Yeah. There's Google, yeah.
10	Q. And then she's copying Courtney Billet,
11	who is the head of your communications team; correct?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. And the second page of this e-mail, can
14	you turn to that? There's an e-mail from that
15	this chain begins with an e-mail from a Sandra Sitar
16	from NIAID; correct?
17	A. Right.
18	Q. Do you know who she is?
19	A. It says director of communications,
20	clinical trials program, VRC. I don't recognize the
21	name, but the signature block indicates she is part
22	of the vaccine research center at NIAID.
23	Q. And she's e-mailing Jen Jennifer Routh
24	saying, "As I mentioned, Jan and the Google team are

hoping to connect on vaccine communications,

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1	specifically misinformation."
2	Do you see that? It's the second full
3	paragraph on this page.
4	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
5	foundation. Mischaracterizes the evidence.
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. Do you see where Sandra writes that Jen
8	
	and the Google team are hoping to connect on vaccine
9	communications, specifically misinformation?
10	A. I'm reading it, yeah.
11	Q. Did your communications team communicate
12	with the Google, YouTube team about vaccine
13	misinformation?
14	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
15	THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge. I
16	don't I don't know if they did. I have no
17	knowledge that they did.
18	BY MR. SAUER:
19	Q. Page before this, go to the first page;
20	e-mailing from the Google person, says, "Hi, Sandra
21	and Jen, thank you so much for reaching out. It
22	would be great to find a time early next week for a
23	quick call on vaccine communications."
24	Do you know if your team had that call in
25	October 30th of 2020 or thereabouts with Google about

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1	vaccine communications?
2	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
3	BY MR. SAUER:
4	Q. Do you know?
5	A. Not to my knowledge.
6	Q. Did you
7	A. I don't recall that, no.
8	Q. Did you authorize them to talk to Google
9	about vaccine communications including
10	misinformation or, actually, specifically
11	misinformation?
12	A. That would be unlikely that I would
13	authorize or not authorize someone to do that, again.
14	Q. You don't believe you authorized your
15	communication team to communicate with Google about
16	vaccine misinformation?
17	A. When you say "authorize," I'm it
18	doesn't work it doesn't work that way in the
19	institute. The communication team would if they
20	were going to do it, they would do it.
21	Q. Okay. So they would just do this on their
22	own to the extent they did it?
23	A. Yeah. I don't think that they would need
24	my permission to communicate with people. That's
25	that's their job.

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1	Q. And then Jan sorry Jen Routh then
2	looped in Courtney Billet, who's the head of your
3	communications team; correct? At the very top of the
4	e-mail?
5	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
6	BY MR. SAUER:
7	Q. Where it says, "Hi, Jen, I'm adding
8	Courtney Billet, Director of the Office of
9	Communications and Government Relations at NIAID"
10	A. Right.
11	Q "to talk about vaccine communications."
12	She's Courtney Billet is the director of your
13	whole communications team; right?
14	A. Right. Yes, she is.
15	Q. And you never discussed with her having
16	communications with Google about vaccine
17	misinformation?
18	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Asked and
19	answered.
20	THE WITNESS: I don't recall having
21	specific conversations with Courtney about
22	communicating with Google.
23	BY MR. SAUER:
24	Q. Exhibit 57.
25	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 57 was marked for

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1	identification.)
2	(Discussion off the record.)
3	BY MR. SAUER:
4	Q. Just briefly, if you look at the second
5	page of this exhibit, do you see an e-mail from
6	someone called Clarke Humphrey?
7	A. Clarke Humphrey, July 2021. Okay.
8	Q. The second page do you know who
9	Clarke Humphrey is?
10	A. She Clarke, I believe, is one of the
11	communications people at the White House.
12	Q. And she e-mailed to at Facebook in July
13	of 2021 saying, "Hi there, any way we can get
14	this pulled down? It is not actually one of ours,"
15	with a link to an Instagram account called
16	Anthony Fauci official; correct?
17	A. It says, "Subject: Deactivating the fake
18	Fauci IG," which I would imagine is Instagram. I
19	don't know if that's what that is.
20	Q. Were you aware that the White House was
21	communicating with Facebook to have accounts with
22	your name taken down?
23	A. The only thing I remember is someone
24	mentioning that there's fake stuff impersonating me
25	going on. I don't specifically recall who

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1	specifically was asked to address that problem of
2	people impersonating me, but I know that there was
3	some talk. Someone mentioned to me in my group that
4	there's an impersonation of you going on out there.
5	I don't recall anything specific except
6	that they're obviously trying to do something about
7	it.
8	Q. And, in fact, they succeeded, it looks
9	like, where Carrie Adams says, "This account has been
10	removed. Thank you for flagging," in the second
11	e-mail on the first page. Do you see that?
12	A. "This account has been removed. Thank you
13	for flagging." So they removed a spurious, fake
14	account, which I think was a good thing
15	Q. At the request of the
16	A because those accounts are bad.
17	Q. At the request of the White House?
18	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
19	BY MR. SAUER:
20	Q. Or Clarke Humphrey, the digital director
21	for the White House?
22	Is that your understanding of that e-mail?
23	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
24	THE WITNESS: I wasn't even know you were
25	asking me questions. Clarke Humphrey is at the White

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- 1 House, and there was communication that there was a
- 2 fake, impersonating Fauci Instagram that was
- 3 deactivated.
- 4 BY MR. SAUER:
- 5 Q. Can you look at Exhibit 58?
- 6 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 58 was marked for
- 7 identification.)
- 8 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 9 BY MR. SAUER:
- 10 Q. Here is an e-mail chain between people at
- 11 Google and people at the CDC that include
- 12 Carol Crawford; correct?
- 13 A. Hold on. Carol Crawford of the CDC;
- 14 right? So I'm -- there's a bunch of e-mails here.
- 15 So what -- what do you want -- you want me to read
- 16 this and then you'll ask your question or --
- 17 Q. No. I just want to ask you on the first
- 18 page, do you see there's an e-mail from
- 19 Catherine Jamal of the CDC; right?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. And she's sending it to two people at
- 22 Facebook and copying Carol Crawford; correct?
- 23 A. Copy Carol Crawford, yes.
- Q. And it says -- the subject is:
- 25 Ivermectin questions for the CDC; correct?

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1	A.	Correct.

- 2 Q. And in that e-mail, this -- Ms. Jamal
- 3 notifies -- or gives Facebook the CDC's position on
- 4 three claims: The claim that ivermectin --
- 5 ivermectin is effective in treating COVID with the
- 6 answer that that is not accurate; correct? That's
- 7 the first item.
- 8 A. That's Item Number 1. That's what it
- 9 says: Ivermectin is effective in treating COVID.
- 10 And, I believe -- is this what the CDC said, "Answer
- is not accurate"? I would imagine that that's what
- 12 they typed in.
- 13 Q. Yeah, and if you look at each of those --
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. -- what they're citing for their claim
- 16 that ivermectin -- the claim about ivermectin's
- 17 effectiveness is not accurate --
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. -- is they link to something from the NIH;
- 20 correct?
- 21 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I see a guideline that says:
- 23 Practice guideline, COVID-19 guideline, treatment
- 24 management.
- 25 BY MR. SAUER:

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nearly before that where it says: Ivermectin  COVID-19 treatment guidelines, and then in  parentheses NIH.gov?  A. Yeah.  Q. Were you aware that the CDC citing NIH  provided information to debunk claims about efficacy  of ivermectin to Facebook?  MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of  foundation.  BY MR. SAUER:  Q. Were you aware?  A. I was I was not aware of this, but this  is not surprising. Just a second somebody is just  let me  I was not aware, but it's not surprising  that organizations, including the CDC, would use the  treatment guidelines of the NIH, which is, as I  mentioned before in a prior question you asked me,  it's a group of, you know, up to 40 people who are  infectious disease experts from throughout the  country, usually the chiefs of infectious diseases at  various medical centers throughout the country. So  it's not at all surprising that when people want to  find out what the latest documented information and	1	Q. And do you see something before that or
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	23	various medical centers throughout the country. So
25 find out what the latest documented information and	24	it's not at all surprising that when people want to
	25	find out what the latest documented information and

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- 1 clinical opinions among the top infectious disease
- 2 people, that they would refer to or access the
- 3 treatment quidelines.
- 4 Q. Would it be surprising if the social media
- 5 platforms also relied on the public statements of
- 6 someone like yourself on matters of health policy for
- 7 their own decisions?
- 8 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 9 BY MR. SAUER:
- 10 Q. You just said it would not be surprising
- if they relied on the published NIH guidelines --
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 **Q.** -- to debunk --
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 Q. -- ivermectin claims. Would it be
- surprising if they relied on public statements by
- 17 Dr. Fauci about the efficacy of --
- 18 A. I don't think that --
- 19 O. -- ivermectin?
- 20 A. I don't think that would have as much
- 21 weight as the measured, scholarly analysis of
- 22 hundreds of articles that the treatment guideline
- 23 panel -- so the weight of the opinion of 30 to 40
- 24 infectious diseases experts would likely carry
- 25 considerably more weight than the statement by an

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- 1 individual physician or scientist.
- 2 Q. Multiple times today you've characterized
- 3 your opinions as reflecting and reporting on the
- 4 consensus of that 40 scholars --
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 Q. -- and if you make a public statement, is
- 7 it surprising if social media platforms take your
- 8 public statement and view it as reflecting knowledge
- 9 of that kind of consensus of government experts or
- 10 public health authorities?
- 11 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Speculative.
- 12 Compound.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm not -- it's a
- 14 convoluted question. I'm not sure really what the
- 15 point you're making.
- 16 BY MR. SAUER:
- 17 Q. Exhibit 59.
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. Have ever heard of -- sorry.
- 20 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 59 was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- 22 BY MR. SAUER:
- 23 Q. Have you ever heard of Alex Berenson?
- 24 A. I've heard of him. I'm not sure -- I'm
- 25 trying to remember what context, but now you've put

this in front of me, and it -- it's the person who

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	<del>-</del>
2	says that the White House demanded Twitter ban ban
3	me months before the company did so. I had never
4	heard of who Alex Berenson was before this, but I
5	mean, not before this but I had heard that there was
6	an issue that he was complaining that he was being
7	banned. I don't even know who who he is.
8	Q. What what issue did you hear about?
9	A. I think he was complaining that he was
10	being muzzled or something. I something like
11	that. Again, I don't pay attention to these social
12	media things of people getting banned or impeded or

16 A. Yes.

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- 17 Q. See how it says -- you know, in this
- 18 subset post by Alex Berenson, he says, "In a White

what have you. That's not an interest of mine.

Can you look at the second paragraph of

19 House meeting in April 2021, four months

this document, Exhibit 59?

- 20 before Twitter suspended my account, the company
- 21 faced one really tough question about why Alex
- 22 Berenson hadn't been kicked off the platform."
- 23 Do you recall -- you were the White House
- 24 chief medical advisor in April of 2021; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1	Q. Do you recall any communications or
2	discussion of Alex Berenson, as a vaccine critic,
3	being on Twitter, or being booted off Twitter?
4	A. I don't recall that, no.
5	Q. Do you remember were you aware of any
6	meeting between do you know who Andy Slavitt is or
7	Slavitt?
8	A. Andy Slavitt for a relatively small period
9	of time was a part of the coronavirus team. He was
10	at the White House a fair amount, and then he left,
11	and I forgot where he went, but he was with the group
12	at the White House for a few months.
13	Q. How about Rob Flaherty? Do you know who
14	that is?
15	A. No. I know Andy Slavitt. I don't know
16	Rob Flaherty.
17	Q. Do you know who the digital director is at
18	the White House, coronavirus response team?
19	A. Digital? I thought that was Clarke, or
20	maybe Clarke reports to the director.
21	Q. Let me ask you this: Were you aware of a
22	meeting between Andy Slavitt, Rob Flaherty, and
23	people at Twitter in April of 2021 to discuss vaccine
24	misinformation?
25	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of

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1	foundation.
2	BY MR. SAUER:
3	Q. Were you aware of it?
4	A. I don't recall. I mean, you're bringing
5	it up. It doesn't ring a bell that I was aware of
6	it.
7	Q. Can you turn to the third page of this
8	document? At the very bottom, in the Twitter
9	employee Slack message thread, it says: Andy
10	Slavitt it says, "They really wanted to know about
11	Alex Berenson"; the very bottom post. Do you see
12	that?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. And then it says, "Andy Slavitt suggested
15	they had seen data viz that had showed he was the
16	epicenter of the disinfo that radiated outwards to
17	the persuadable public."
18	Do you see that?
19	A. Yeah.
20	Q. Were you aware of any discussions of
21	someone on Twitter who was, you know, an epicenter of
22	disinformation radiating outward to the
23	persuadable public about vaccines?
24	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
25	foundation.

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1	THE WITNESS: You know, you're asking me
2	if I was aware of I mean, there was always talk
3	about misinformation and disinformation. I'm not
4	aware of any connection, to my memory. Maybe someone
5	casually mentioned it of you know, I don't even
6	know the connection, whether An Berenson was
7	no. I mean, this does this does not ring a bell
8	to me, to be honest with you.
9	BY MR. SAUER:
10	Q. Well, do you remember any discussions more
11	generally of misinformation and disinformation on
12	social media leading to vaccine hesitancy?
13	A. You know, there's a lot of different
14	discussions about misinformation. You're making a
15	connection between misinformation and something about
16	social media. It's all blob about misinformation.
17	Q. Well, let's take the whole blob. What
18	sort of discussions were there about misinformation?
19	You say there's discussions about
20	A. Well, I'll give you an example.
21	Q. Yeah, that'd be great.
22	A. The misinformation that Bill Gates and I
23	put a chip in the vaccine to monitor people, and,
24	therefore, people should not get vaccinated. I think
25	that falls under the category of disinformation.

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1	Q. Or misinformation if people honestly
2	A. No, this is dis
3	Q. Okay.
4	A. Because I didn't put a chip, so this dis.
5	Q. I think they're both false right mis
6	and dis are both incorrect
7	A. Yeah, yeah
8	Q under your definition.
9	A. Yeah, but
10	Q. You testified to earlier
11	A. Yeah, right, but the disinformation
12	MR. KIRSCHNER: Please let the witness
13	finish.
14	THE WITNESS: Yeah, but the disinformation
15	is when you deliberately get propagate information
16	that you know to be true. ^ there's no evidence
17	because it isn't true that I put a chip in the
18	vaccine. So I think that qualifies as
19	disinformation.
20	BY MR. SAUER:
21	Q. Were there discussions of that with your
22	colleagues at the White House about that particular
23	issue of trying to stop the spread of that kind of
24	disinformation?
25	A. No, no, I you know, you just said

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- 1 something important. I never engaged in any
- 2 discussion about stopping the spread. It just was
- 3 been disconcerted that there's so much disinformation
- 4 going on out there. I don't recall, to my knowledge,
- 5 that I got involved in any discussions about stopping
- 6 or blocking things.
- 7 Q. So your testimony is that you were never
- 8 involved in any discussions about stopping the spread
- 9 of disinformation --
- 10 A. Not -- no.
- 11 Q. If I may finish the question. So your
- 12 recollection is that you have never been involved in
- any discussions about stopping the spread of
- 14 disinformation, whether on social media or elsewhere?
- 15 A. I don't recall. Someone may have
- 16 mentioned that we should be stopping misinformation,
- 17 but I don't recall specifically that I was involved
- in interfering with the dissemination, not to my
- 19 recollection. Like I said, someone may have made a
- 20 mention of that, but I didn't put it squarely on my
- 21 radar screen.
- 22 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 60 was marked for
- 23 identification.)
- 24 BY MR. SAUER:
- Q. If you'd look at Exhibit 60, is this a

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1 report from The Hill dated July 11th of 2021? 2 Α. Yes. 3 0. And if you turn to -- it reports on some 4 of your public comments on a Sunday talk show --5 correct -- I think on CNN State of the Union? 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: I would ask for the 7 witness to be able to familiarize himself. THE WITNESS: I have to -- I have to read 9 this before I make any comments, so I'm going to read 10 the whole thing. 11 BY MR. SAUER: 12 You'll see there at the top of the second Q. page of the document --13 14 Α. Yes. 15 Where it says, "Fauci was responding to a Q. 16 clip of conservative author Alex Berenson, who spoke 17 at CPAC on Saturday"; correct? 18 Α. Correct. 19 Does that jog your memory as to who Q. Alex Berenson is? 20 2.1 It does jog my memory to who he is because Α. 2.2 at that time, they were talking about this CPAC where 23 people were cheering on not taking a lifesaving

was responding to a clip of conservative author

intervention. And it says in this Exhibit 60, Fauci

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- 1 Alex Berenson who spoke at CPAC.
- 2 So it looks like on the show, the Sunday
- 3 show, that they showed me a clip of this person who I
- 4 very likely had not heard of before saying that,
- 5 quote -- they quote Berenson, "The government was
- 6 hoping that they could sort of sucker 90 percent of
- 7 the population into getting vaccinated, and it isn't
- 8 happening, "he added, to applause.
- 9 Q. And then you made a response to that on
- 10 CNN State of the Union where you described it as
- 11 horrifying; correct?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. It quotes you as saying, "It's
- 14 horrifying." Is that what you said?
- 15 A. Well, this is the quote that they're
- 16 saying here. I don't recall saying it's horrifying,
- 17 but I have no reason to believe that CNN would
- 18 misquote me.
- 19 Q. And they went on to -- or The Hill -- it
- 20 goes on to say in the next paragraph that "Fauci said
- 21 it was almost frightening for people to say they
- don't want health officials to save their lives";
- 23 right?
- 24 A. That's what it says that I said. I have
- 25 no reason to believe that's not what I said.

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1	Q. Were there any discussions before you made
2	these comments on CNN State of the Union on in
3	July of 2021, were there any did you have any
4	discussions with anyone in the government about
5	making statements to criticize Alex Berenson in any
6	way?
7	A. I don't recall. Again, the context of
8	this "almost frightening for people to say," if one
9	looks at the data comparing the hospitalizations and
10	deaths of vaccinated people and unvaccinated people,
11	it is overwhelmingly weighted towards unvaccinated
12	people. So someone cheering to the statement that
13	you shouldn't be vaccinating people, I think is
14	really very much contrary to the principles of good
15	public health.
16	Q. Before you made those comments, do you
17	recall discussing Alex Berenson with anyone in the
18	government?
19	A. I don't recall that. It is possible, but,
20	again, Alex Berenson rings the bell here when you
21	show me this clip. But, again, I I don't recall
22	any necessary discussions with him. They may have
23	occurred, but I don't recall.
24	Q. Exhibit 61. Five days oh, sorry.
25	(FAUCI Exhibit No. 61 was marked for

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1 identification.) BY MR. SAUER: 2 3 Q. You see this is a New York Times report 4 dated five days later on July 16th of 2021? 5 I don't see the date. Yeah, July 16th, Α. 2021. 6 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Just to clarify the record, it also says it was updated July 19th, 2021. 8 9 THE WITNESS: Right. 10 BY MR. SAUER: 11 Q. And the first line says, "President Biden unleashed his growing frustration with Social Media 12 13 on Friday saying that platforms like Facebook were 14 killing people by allowing disinformation about the 15 coronavirus vaccine to spread online"; correct? 16 Α. That's what the first sentence says. 17 Do you recall the president saying that, Q. 18 that social media companies are, quote, "killing 19 people"? 20 I don't recall him saying that, but this 2.1 is reported by the New York Times saying that that's 2.2 what he said. So I have no reason to believe that he 23 did not say that, but I don't specifically recall him 24 saying that specific comment. I may -- I may have 25 been aware of it when he said it, but I don't recall

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- 1 now that he said it except when you put this
- 2 statement in front of me.
- 3 Q. Do you recall any discussions with anyone
- 4 in the government of how disinformation or
- 5 misinformation on social media platforms are killing
- 6 people?
- 7 A. Well, it is very clear that, as I've said
- 8 multiple times before, that misinformation and
- 9 disinformation, particularly that encourages people
- 10 to avoid lifesaving interventions, can certainly
- 11 result in the unnecessary death of people whose lives
- 12 would have been saved. So when misinformation and
- disinformation leads people to avoid a lifesaving
- 14 intervention, that is equivalent to contributing to
- 15 the death of that person.
- 16 Q. My question was: Do you recall discussing
- 17 that with anyone in the government in this time
- 18 frame?
- 19 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
- 20 foundation. Vague.
- 21 THE WITNESS: You know, when you say
- 22 "anyone in the government," I have often said that
- 23 misinformation and disinformation is the enemy of
- 24 public health. Could I have said it to someone in
- 25 the government? It is certainly possible that I did

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- 1 because I do feel strongly that misinformation and
- 2 disinformation, when it leads to people avoiding
- 3 lifesaving interventions, can be deadly.
- 4 BY MR. SAUER:
- 5 O. Misinformation and disinformation are the
- 6 enemy of public health you said just now?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. Is that true when they are propagated on
- 9 social media platforms, on your view? Yes or no?
- 10 A. If social media is propagating
- 11 disinformation that leads to the death of people by
- 12 encouraging them to avoid lifesaving interventions, I
- 13 believe that's contrary to public health.
- 14 Q. Can you look at Exhibit 62?
- 15 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 62 was marked for
- 16 identification.)
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Can I get a copy, Counsel?
- 18 There's -- I don't know what this is.
- 19 MR. SAUER: Oh.
- 20 BY MR. SAUER:
- 21 Q. Do you know who Scott Gottlieb is?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. Do you know him personally?
- A. Well, I've met him. I -- I don't socially
- 25 interact with him. I know him because for a time he

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- 1 was the commissioner of the FDA, and currently he is
- 2 frequently on CBS Sunday Morning shows commenting on
- 3 COVID-19 and other health matters.
- 4 Q. In 2021, did you have any communications
- 5 with him about vaccines or misinformation?
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Compound.
- 7 BY MR. SAUER:
- 8 Q. Do you recall communicating with him in
- 9 any way in the summer of 2021?
- 10 A. You know, I may have, but I don't recall.
- 11 I communicate with hundreds, if not many more people.
- 12 So I don't recall specifically. But if you showed me
- 13 a document of some sort that showed I communicated
- 14 with him, I would not be surprised.
- 15 Q. Why don't you look at the Exhibit 62 on
- 16 the first page in the middle of that page? Do you
- 17 see there's a -- you see this is another subset post
- 18 by Alex Berenson talking about how he was banned from
- 19 Twitter, generally?
- 20 A. I'm sorry. What paragraph are you
- 21 referring to?
- 22 Q. I'll tell you, will you look at that --
- that kind of e-mail that's pasted in the middle
- of the page --
- 25 A. Pasted in the middle -- oh, the pasted

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1	e-mail.
2	Q. The one that shows
3	A. Scott Gottlieb to someone that has been
4	redacted.
5	Q. Someone at Twitter?
6	A. Yeah.
7	Q. And he's forwarded a posting by
8	Alex Berenson that's critical of you; right? "Quite
9	frankly," said Alex Berenson, "the arrogance of
10	Anthony Fauci and what it means for the rest of us";
11	correct?
12	A. So Berenson said the arrogance of
13	Anthony Fauci and what it means for the rest of us?
14	Q. And then Gottlieb forwarded that to
15	someone at Twitter; correct?
16	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Lack of
17	foundation.
18	THE WITNESS: Yeah. So I want to make
19	sure I understand what you're saying. So this is
20	a this is a tweet from Berenson calling me
21	arrogant, and then it's Scott forwarding the tweet to
22	Twitter saying this is what is promoted on Twitter
23	and this is why Tony needs a security detail?
24	BY MR. SAUER:
25	Q. Correct, yeah. Tony is a reference to
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- 1 you, I presume?
- 3 he's talking about me.
- 4 Q. I mean, that's the one that's referred in

There's a lot of Tonys around, but I guess

5 the e-mail.

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6 A. Right.

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- 7 Q. Did you ever have a discussion with
- 8 Scott Gottlieb about needing a security detail
- 9 because of the things that people posted about you on
- 10 the Internet?
- 11 A. I don't recall having that discussion with
- 12 him, but it is possible in a discussion I had with
- 13 him that -- it's no secret that I have a security
- 14 detail. My life has been threatened multiple times.
- 15 So I might have discussed that I need a security
- 16 detail with him, but I -- that doesn't ring a bell as
- 17 something -- unless there was a reason for me to -- I
- don't usually talk to people about my security
- 19 detail.
- 20 Q. He refers to you as "Tony" in this
- 21 **e-mail --**
- 22 A. Everybody refers to me as Tony. We
- 23 said -- we got that established before.
- 24 Q. Is there somebody at Twitter who was on a
- 25 first-name basis with you? I would refer to you as

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1	Dr. Fauci
2	A. Yeah.
3	Q if I was sending it to someone who
4	didn't know you. Is there someone who works for
5	Twitter who who you're on a first-name basis with?
6	A. Scott Scott refers to me as Tony, but I
7	don't see anybody on Twitter referring to me as Tony.
8	Q. He's referring you to some unidentified
9	person
10	A. But he's using his own
11	Q. If I may finish the question?
12	A. Yeah, yeah. Sure. Sorry.
13	
	Q. He's referring to you as Tony to some
14	unidentified person at Twitter?
15	A. Right.
16	Q. Are you on a first-name basis with anyone
17	who works at Twitter? Yes or no?
18	A. Am I on a first-name basis of anyone who
19	works at Twitter?
20	Q. Correct. That's my question.
21	A. Well, right now, no, but when my daughter
22	worked at Twitter, I was on a first-name basis with
23	her.
24	Q. Did she work at Twitter in August 24th

of 2021?

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- 1 A. I don't recall. She may have already left
- 2 then.
- 3 Q. Did anyone else -- have you ever been on a
- 4 first-name basis with anyone else who worked at
- 5 Twitter?
- 6 A. Not that I know of. Not that I know of.
- 7 I mean, I'm trying to think of people that I know at
- 8 Twitter, and the only person that I've really known
- 9 that works at Twitter, I believe, is my daughter.
- 10 Q. Did you have any communications with -- at
- 11 this time, Scott Gottlieb was on the board of Pfizer;
- 12 is that right?
- 13 A. He might -- I know he's on -- I believe --
- 14 I believe he's on the board of Pfizer. I don't know
- 15 if he was on the board of Pfizer at this time.
- 16 Q. Did you have any communications with him
- in connection with the development of the vaccines
- 18 that you talked about earlier?
- 19 A. You know, I don't know. I mean, we talk
- 20 about the development of vaccines all the time.
- 21 Vaccines was a big subject of discussion from the
- 22 time we began developing the vaccines; right? In a
- 23 few weeks into January we began developing the
- 24 vaccine. So we spoke about vaccine development a
- 25 lot. Did -- would I have mentioned vaccine

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- 1 development to Scott? I don't see any reason why I
- 2 would not, but I don't specifically recall discussing
- 3 vaccine development with Scott.
- 4 Q. How about discussing any speech on the
- 5 internet that would lead to vaccine hesitancy? Did
- 6 you discuss that with him?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
- 8 THE WITNESS: You know, again, I don't --
- 9 I don't recall specific conversations with Scott
- 10 about hardly anything.
- 11 BY MR. SAUER:
- 12 O. How about Alex Berenson? Did you ever
- discuss Alex Berenson with Scott Gottlieb?
- 14 A. You know, again, you had mentioned before,
- 15 I -- Alex Berenson doesn't ring a bell. It's
- 16 possible associated with some of the things you
- 17 showed me before, but I don't recall discussing
- 18 Alex Berenson with Scott Gottlieb.
- 19 **Q. Exhibit 63.**
- 20 (FAUCI Exhibit No. 63 was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- 22 BY MR. SAUER:
- 23 Q. Who is Ezekiel J. Emmanuel?
- 24 A. Ezekiel J, better known as Zeke Emmanuel,
- 25 is a vice provost at the University of Pennsylvania

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- 1 and was at a time and might still be the director of
- 2 the division or program of medical ethics.
- 3 O. At the university? At that university?
- 4 A. At the University of Pennsylvania.
- 5 Q. In this e-mail chain, he says to you on
- 6 the second to last page, "I'm a bit perplexed by your
- 7 seeming strong endorsement of remdesivir. Was it
- 8 just a bit forced? My reading of the data were weak
- 9 and in normal times for normal disease. It is not
- 10 enough to approve and very likely to really impact
- 11 COVID-19 disease pattern regardless of supply
- 12 issues."
- Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. And what were you talking -- what was he
- 16 talking about there?
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Again, I ask
- 18 for Dr. Fauci to have an opportunity to familiarize
- 19 himself with this document.
- 20 THE WITNESS: So there was a clinical
- 21 trial that showed a modest effect but nonetheless a
- 22 clear but modest effect of remdesivir, which is an
- 23 antiviral drug used for the treatment of COVID-19.
- 24 And when the announcement came out of the clinical
- 25 trial, I believe, I said this is a good thing that we

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1	have a drug when we had no other drugs. This is well
2	before Paxlovid, so we had no good drugs for COVID.
3	And when the study came out, I was pleased that we
4	had a drug that at least had a modest effect. Zeke,
5	who is a good person, said my reading of the data
6	were weak and normal times for normal disease, not
7	enough to approve, yada, ya, and I write back, and
8	say, "Zeke, I did not strongly endorse it." I
9	specifically said that it was not a knockout drug but
10	was only a baby step in the development in the
11	direction of developing more and better drugs. I
12	said it was important because it proved in a
13	well-powered which it was "randomized" which
14	it was "placebo-controlled trial that one can
15	suppress the virus enough to see a clinical effect as
16	modest as that effect was." I do not think
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. If I may right there.
19	A that I forced anything.
20	Q. Dr. Fauci, thank you.
21	Why don't we go off the record now?
22	MR. KIRSCHNER: Okay.
23	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Time is 4:46 p.m. and
24	we're going off the record.
25	(Recess.)

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1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4:55 p.m.
2	and we're back on the record.
3	BY MR. SAUER:
4	Q. Dr. Fauci, we've discussed a lot of
5	opinions today about COVID and treatments for COVID
6	and related things. For example, we talked about
7	hydroxychloroquine; we talked about masks for a while
8	and whether they're effective; we talked about the
9	origins of COVID, whether it came out of a lab; we
10	talked about vaccines and the efficacy of vaccines;
11	we talked about herd immunity. And you've made some
12	pretty strong statements in media about a lot of
13	these issues is that fair to say using strong
14	language to disagree with opinions that you disagree
15	with?
16	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Vague.
17	THE WITNESS: No, I'm not sure what you
18	mean by strong language. Most of the time it was
19	measured language. I think you pointed out at one
20	point when I was talking about the premise of herd
21	immunity that I believe I said that it was nonsense
22	which is if you want to call that strong language.
23	I believe it resulted in the deaths of unnecessary
24	deaths of individuals.
25	BY MR. SAUER:

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1	Q. And people have disagreed with you in
2	strong language as well. For example, Alex Berenson
3	saying calling the arrogance of Dr. Fauci
4	A. Right.
5	Q and so forth.
6	Do you think people should be able to post
7	their opinions on social media, for example, about
8	the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine, even if you
9	disagree with them?
10	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Compound.
11	THE WITNESS: You know, I'm not an expert
12	on what should or should not be on social media. I
13	^ audio cuts out here believe that people certainly
14	can express their opinions. I'm not an expert. I've
15	said that multiple times during the deposition. I'm
16	not a social media person.
17	BY MR. SAUER:
18	Q. Do you have an opinion about whether
19	people should be allowed to post on social media
20	opinions that you think, for example, are dangerous
21	and might lead to loss of life? What's your view on
22	that?
23	A. You know, again, you say allowed, I don't
24	know what the legal or other First Amendment issues
25	are associated with that. That's not my lane or my

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- 1 area of expertise. As a physician and a scientist
- 2 and a public health person, I'm very sensitive to the
- 3 fact that disinformation, including some of the
- 4 disinformation that we discussed that, for example,
- 5 has people avoid lifesaving interventions, is
- 6 dangerous to health.
- 7 How you -- how you counter that I think is
- 8 open to question. My way of countering false
- 9 information, and I've been on the record multiple
- 10 times as saying that, is that my approach is to try
- 11 to ^ and flood the system with the correct
- 12 information as opposed to interfering with other
- 13 people's ability to say what they want to say. And
- 14 I've said, I think, if you, in your investigations
- 15 and your discovery, you looked into how many times
- 16 I've often said the best way to counter
- 17 misinformation and disinformation is to flood the
- 18 system with correct information.
- 19 Q. Do you think social media platforms have a
- 20 responsibility to take down dangerous misinformation
- 21 that gets posted on their platforms?
- 22 A. You know, I'm not an expert in the legal
- 23 and other aspects of that to make an informed
- 24 comment. I would leave that to experts. I told you
- 25 I'm not someone fluent in the ins and outs of what

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1	could or should be on social media, so I don't really
2	have any comment on that, because that's not an area
3	that I've seriously thought about and analyzed about
4	the pros and cons of that.
5	Q. Do you think that allowing both sides to
6	openly debate their positions on hotly contested
7	issues, like the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine or
8	where the COVID-19 virus came from, do you think it's
9	important to allow both sides to freely debate those
10	issues?
11	MR. KIRSCHNER: Objection. Argumentative.
12	THE WITNESS: You know, when you say
13	allowed to debate, I think honest debate is
14	important, but when it goes beyond debate and leads
15	people who are unwitting about these things to do
16	things that are clearly detrimental to their life and
17	their safety, I find that disturbing. How you
18	mitigate against that, I would leave to other people.
19	That's not in my lane.
20	Q. Have you taken steps to mitigate against
21	it in the last two and a half years?
22	A. As I said, the theme that I've gone by is
23	the best way to counter misinformation and
24	disinformation is to flood the system with correct

information. That's the reason why I very often am

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1	involved with the media with writing, with
2	interviewing, with podcasts to get people to get
3	vaccinated. The most recent of which was yesterday,
4	I believe, when I was or the day before when I
5	made my final press conference at the White House and
6	my message was: Please go out for your own safety,
7	the safety of your community and your family, to go
8	out and get the updated booster.
9	That's how I counter misinformation and
10	disinformation.
11	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: That is it. That's the
12	seven hours.
13	MR. KIRSCHNER: Very well. Two things:
14	One, first, we have no questions for the witness, and
15	second of all, we want to reserve the right to read
16	and sign.
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. If there's no
18	further statements for record, we'll be going off.
19	The time is 5:01 p.m. on November 23rd, 2022. We are
20	going off the record completing today's video
21	recorded session.
22	(Whereupon, at 5:01 p.m., the taking of
23	the deposition ceased.)
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1	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
2	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ) ss.:
3	STATE OF MARYLAND )
4	I, STEPHANIE BARNES, the officer
5	before whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do
6	hereby certify that the witness whose testimony
7	appears in the foregoing deposition was duly sworn by
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12	parties for the action in which this deposition was
13	taken, and further that I am not a relative or
14	employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the
15	parties thereto, nor financially or otherwise
16	interested in the outcome of the action.
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21	the State of Maryland
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7	IN RE: THE STATE OF MISSOURI, et al. v. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., et al.
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9	Dear Mr. Kirschner:
10	Please find enclosed your copies of the deposition of DR. ANTHONY FAUCI taken on November 23, 2022 in the above-referenced case. Also enclosed is the original
11	signature page and errata sheets.
12	Please have the witness read your copy of the transcript, indicate any changes and/or corrections
13	desired on the errata sheets, and sign the signature
14	page before a notary public.
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16	Please return the errata sheets and notarized
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9	be necessary to render the same true and correct;
10	That having made such changes thereon, I
11	hereby subscribe my name to the deposition.
12	I declare under penalty of perjury that the
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